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Keegan: Central figure

Cup teams threaten to 'strike'

Liverpool and Newcastle will refuse to play their FA Cup match on Friday, January 6 if television cameras are present. The BBC want to screen the third round tie live but both clubs want the Football Association to increase the Professional Footballers Association share of the television proceeds from the current offer of £40,000.

Pound closes at record low

The pound fell further against the dollar, closing at a record low of \$1.4310, down 45 points, but it was firmer against other currencies.

New-look QE2

The Queen Elizabeth 2 sailed last night from Bremerhaven to Southampton after her 15-day £3.5m refit at the Hapag-Lloyd yard.

Solicitors' vote

MPs who are also solicitors will be allowed to vote on the controversial Bill to end the solicitors' monopoly on conveyancing. The Speaker has ruled Estate agents' role, page 3

CD clampdown

Measures to reduce the number of diplomatic service cars evading fixed penalties and wheel clamping through claiming immunity have been announced.

Glue-sniff case

Two brothers who sold glue-sniffing kits to children were each jailed for three years after a court ruling that such sales were a crime in Scotland.

The go-between

Portugal has offered to act as a go-between for Argentina and Britain in negotiations about the future of the Falklands.

The DAY AFTER and life goes back to normal...

BL goes private

The Government is to begin privatizing BL next year, the Commons was told.

Salyut trouble

The Salyut 7 space station suffered a fuel leak and its two-man crew had a narrow escape during their recent 149-day flight, Soviet officials admitted.

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Court orders NGA to call off its nationwide strike

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Graphical Association was ordered by a High Court judge yesterday to call off the countrywide newspaper strike called for tomorrow in protest at the £525,000 contempt of court fine imposed on it last week.

The print union also faces a mass of claims for damages if the strike goes ahead from newspaper managements all over Britain which could cost it millions of pounds.

Mr Joe Wadc, the NGA general secretary, was last night asking the TUC for full backing for the strike, in continuing defiance of the Government's labour laws.

If the strike takes place tomorrow the fines for contempt of yesterday's order and the awards for damages could bankrupt the union.

Solicitors and High Court officials arrived at Congress House with writs to serve on Mr Joe Wadc, but they were refused access to the union meeting.

The NGA, which has already been fined a total of £675,000 for contempt of orders not to picket the Warrington, Cheshire, printing works of Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah's *Messenger* group newspapers, appeared to be losing some of its hard-line resolve.

The print workers last night asked for an unequivocal declaration of support from the TUC's influential employment policy and organization committee, but if that backing is not forthcoming the NGA national council might today reconsider its confrontational policy.

Leaders of other unions going into the meeting declined to discuss the issue publicly but some were privately sceptical about the NGA's chances of winning the level of TUC backing that it apparently wants before embarking on its disruption of the newspaper industry. Parallels were being drawn with the two-year battle waged the 1980 and 1982 Employment Acts which led to the union's refusal to abide by orders made in the High Court in Manchester not to engage in secondary picketing against Mr Shah's printing works.

In the High Court Mr Justice Oton granted orders sought by national and local newspaper groups restraining the NGA from "further inducing breaches of contracts" by its members in Fleet Street and the provinces.

In the House of Commons the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, made it clear that the Government would not intervene in the dispute. He spoke of "the serious consequences" that the threatened strike would have for the NGA itself, adding: "I hope that they will no longer seek to pursue this dispute in defiance of the law."

Mr Robert Stuby, president of the Newspaper Society, which represents owners of more than 1,000 provincial titles, calculated that the provincial industry would lose up to £3m if the strike call was obeyed. He indicated that provincial publishers would seek damages for that amount.

Members of the NPA are already claiming a total of £3m damages for disruption two weeks ago and the loss of another day's production could double their suit. Taken with the huge fines already levied, the court actions could bankrupt the NGA of its total, sequestered, funds of a little more than £10m.

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Unions accept 5% in three pay deals

By Our Labour Staff

Unions representing about two million workers in engineering, retail shops and the Merchant Navy have accepted pay settlements of between 5 and 6 per cent.

Engineering union leaders agreed yesterday to a 5.2 per cent wage rise for up to 1½ million workers, which will pave the way for new working practices in the industry.

The Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF) has raised its offer from 4 per cent, but in return from a commitment from the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, representing 17 unions, to consider far-reaching productivity proposals.

Having dealt with pay, the two sides are to set up a working party in the new year to discuss the union's additional claims, which involve a reduction in the working week from 39 hours to 35 and an increase in holidays from five weeks to six.

In return the EEF has put forward a document which it hopes will revolutionize the industry and produce a dramatic reduction in costs.

The employers want to get rid of restrictive manning practices and introduce flexibility between jobs and flexible hours. The EEF also wants ballots taken before industrial action.

The wage deal, backdated to November 1, means an increase of £4.50 a week in the national minimum rate for skilled workers, bringing them to £91.50, and a £3.24 rise for the unskilled, giving them £65.84.

Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and leader of the negotiators, said that the pay deal would be recommended to the executives of the 17 unions involved. It is unlikely

that there will be any major objections.

After a five-hour bargaining session yesterday, Mr Duffy stressed that although they would recommend the deal, they had not discarded the rest of the claim.

"The unions had sought a 'substantial' increase on a 4 per cent offer, but the agreement did not constitute a climb-down. Mr Duffy said: 'The employers had originally come up with a nil offer.'

● A threat of industrial action by Britain's 23,000 seamen was averted yesterday after members of the National Union of Seamen voted to accept a wage increase of 5.1 per cent.

The deal will increase average weekly earnings including overtime from £150.57 to £158.54.

● The legal minimum wage for 650,000 workers in non-food shops will go up by 5.9 per cent from April under proposals agreed by both sides of the Retail Non-Food Wages Council.

The new adult minimum rate for a skilled shop assistant would be £71.50 a week outside London and £74 in London.



Brave face: Scottish nanny Carol Compton struggles to be cheerful as she appears in a barred Italian dock charged with arson and attempted murder.

Nanny trial starts in uproar

From Peter Nichols Livorno, Italy

The trial of Carol Compton, the 21-year-old Scottish nanny charged with arson and attempted murder, began yesterday with her struggling to make an Italian court understand her own account of the chain of circumstances which landed her in trouble.

There were chaotic scenes before she was able to begin her testimony. When she was led into a locked cage which serves as a dock in Italy, the 60 journalists present leapt on to tables and pushed past policemen to get near her.

Despite court orders forbidding photography, cameras whirred and clicked. The Court President stalked out and could be heard shouting at officials to restore order before he would begin.

Miss Compton has been in custody since August 1982. Her mother, Mrs Pamela Compton, has accused Italian authorities of keeping her daughter in isolation because they suspect her of witchcraft.

Señor Sergio Minervini, defending counsel, persuaded the court to allow her to sit outside the metal cage once proceedings began.

The first moving view of her was nevertheless her appearance alone in the huge cage, a self-possessed figure smiling and assuring well-wishers that she was feeling fine.

She knelt down to kiss her mother between the wooden columns below the bars.

She is accused of having started five fires in three different houses with intention in one instance of killing a three-year-old girl in her charge. She denies having started any of the fires.

Describing the most serious incident in her heavy Scottish accent brought some of the worst language difficulties.

Talking of stray cats scratching on French windows she could not get across what sort of windows she was talking about nor what she meant by "rogue" cats.

Her "cot" apparently sounded like "coat" which was then translated as a blanket. Similarly her assertion that the noise made her nervous was translated as "pamela", which means bad-tempered.

On several occasions she showed signs of impatience. The case continues today.

Greece to safeguard Britons' land

From Mario Modiano Athens

The Greek Government wants to reassure about 1,000 Britons, who acquired property on the island of Corfu, circumventing a 1927 ban on sales of land to foreigners in frontier areas, that they will not be dispossessed or penalized.

Professor George Kassimatis, legal adviser to Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, told *The Times*: "The Prime Minister's wish and order are that this problem should be resolved promptly."

The professor, who is coordinating inter-ministerial action on this issue, said a special ministerial council would meet "within a few days" to recommend changes in the law.

"The Government's unanimous desire is to safeguard the rights, even the present status, of the owners, provided our national security interests are adequately protected," he stated.

The Cabinet was stirred into action after a pledge given by Mr Papandreu in London last month to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who raised the problem of Corfu Britons.

The threat was posed by a Greek Supreme Court ruling in April, validating the sale of a 15-acre Corfu estate to a Briton on the ground that under the 1972 ban even Greek companies controlled by foreigners could not acquire land in frontier areas like Corfu.

The Government has already given a warning by the European Commission that this legislation is contrary to basic Community law. It is therefore considering the possibility of either limiting the ban to a narrow frontier zone, or imposing qualifications for foreign owners to satisfy sensitivities over national security.

Kuwait bombs blamed on Iran

From Robert Fisk Beirut

American embassies throughout the Middle East were last night warned that they could be the target of suicide bombers after Shia Muslim extremists—believed to be acting on orders from Iran—staged a concerted bombing attack on six buildings in Kuwait.

The US and French embassies, on American residential quarter of Kuwait, a power station and the control tower of the international airport were all targets of the attack, which was unprecedented in the Gulf.

It was clearly intended to strike a blow at the stability of the oil kingdoms and last night Kuwait promised the "maximum punishments" for those responsible.

One of the bombers, who was blown across the road in front of the American Embassy after driving a lorry loaded with explosives through the main gate of the compound, survived the blast and was undergoing surgery last night while Kuwaiti security authorities waited to discover his identity.

About 60,000 Iranians live in Kuwait under close scrutiny by the state police. The Americans last night believed that the Iranian Government was probably behind the assault.

Both the United States and France had apparently received warning that some attack was to be made upon their embassies but assumed it would occur in Beirut where embassy security has been substantially increased over the past two days.

Given the amount of explosives used, it was remarkable that only four people were killed and 54 wounded, although the bombs, which all detonated in the space of about an hour, were obviously meant to cause far greater casualties.

Two of the dead were Kuwaiti security guards employed by the American Embassy; a third was a technician who worked at the airport.

The bombing at the American Embassy followed an almost identical pattern to those in Beirut last October which killed almost 300 US Marines and French paratroopers. And like those attacks, yesterday's explosions in Kuwait were almost immediately claimed by a telephone caller who rang Agence France Presse in Beirut to say that he represented the Islamic Jihad (Islamic Struggle) movement which announced that it had bombed the Americans and French two months ago.

The Kuwait attacks were both an indication of growing anti-American sentiment in the Middle East and of the vulnerability of the militarily weak Gulf states who fear that Iran's revolution might at last be about to spread southwards to embrace the largely Sunni

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Hitler won't choose me, Mosley said

By Peter Hennessy and David Walker

Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of Fascists, did not expect to be the British Quisling in charge of a puppet regime.

This was revealed yesterday in Home Office documents compiled in the summer of 1940 and declassified by order of Mr Leo Brittan, the Home Secretary.

Mosley expected the Nazis to rule initially through a military governor until, "to keep you down, like a victim continually injected with some poisonous drug, they set up a collection of old gentlemen."

Sir Oswald's views are contained in transcripts of his interrogation by a committee chaired by Mr Norman (later Lord) Birkett, KC, which advised the Home Secretary to inter him under Regulation 18B of the Defence of the Real

Mosley protested his loyalty to the British Empire and vehemently denied that he was traitor material. "It is an extraordinary idea that I should

be willing to act as an agent of a foreign power... am I in my whole life that sort of man?"

The files ring with Sir Oswald's denunciation of Jews, whom he wished to deport "humanely" to rid Britain of what he called that "eternal irritant within the body politic".

He fulminated, too, against his former colleague in the BUF, William Joyce, by that



Sir Oswald with Lady Diana: She was one of the three women Hitler admired most.

Hitler, it seemed, was overwhelmed by Diana. Mosley told the Birkett committee that, with Frau Goebbels and Frau Wagner, she was one of the three women for whom he had the highest regard in the whole world.

The newly revealed files also show that Special Branch unearthed a secret account at the Charing Cross branch of the Westminster Bank used for laundering foreign funds which financed the BUF in the 1930s.

Mosley denied detailed knowledge of the account and said he thought the funds came from well-known capitalists "terrified of being found out... and they paid their subscriptions in foreign currencies."

Six Mosley files were withheld by the Home Office from yesterday's batch, on the ground of continuing sensitivity—once dealing with his internment during 1940-43; another for 1943-45; two letters from MI5 to Birkett; and one file dealing with the detention of Lady Diana.

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Beautiful evenings begin at Harrods

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Christmas Eve 9am to 5pm.

Unearthed skull which led to confession was Roman, murder trial jury told

A man confessed to strangling his wife and cutting her up with an axe more than 20 years ago after the discovery of a human skull in May a jury was told yesterday. But the skull was later found to date from 410 AD.

Mr Martin Thomas QC, for the prosecution, told Chester Crown Court that no trace had been found of Malika Maria De Fernandez, who disappeared on or about October 27, 1960.

Her husband, a former BOAC airline official, Peter Reyn-Bardt, aged 57, from Knightsbridge, west London, pleaded not guilty yesterday to murder between October 27, 1960, and June 30, 1961.

The skull's discovery in Wilmslow, near Stockport, led directly to the arrest and confession. Mr Thomas said. It was tested by the department of archaeology at Oxford University.

"The tests were not completed until October 12. But the conclusions were that the subject of the skull died in the year 410 AD, just before the Roman legions departed.

Mr Reyn-Bardt, a homosexual, had met his wife on March 25, 1959, while she was working as a waitress in the Zanzibar Coffee Bar in Manchester. Mr Thomas said.

She was slim, with long black hair worn in a Spanish style. She looked Spanish, but spoke English without an accent. "Who precisely she was, her nationality, her background has never been properly established."

Mr Thomas said that within two hours they were engaged and married on March 28 "in a burst of publicity" in the press and on television. Her age was given as 32.

"He was in some trouble with his employers over over homosexuality and the marriage gave him respectability. She apparently loved to travel and could get free air travel through his position as station officer."

They moved into a house in Greater Manchester, but it was always a marriage of convenience, Mr Thomas said. However, Mr Reyn-Bardt's association with a young man, Philip Clark, caused friction.

It came to a head in November, when she moved out.

In January, 1983, Mr Reyn-Bardt was asked by two policemen whether he had killed his wife, Mr Thomas said. He replied: "Good gracious, no."

But, on May 13 an excavator driver found a human skull, thought to be that of a female aged between 30 and 50, about 300 yards from the cottage. Deceivably arrested Mr Reyn-Bardt.

He is alleged to have said that he murdered her that day because she threatened to expose his homosexuality unless he paid her more money. The trial continues today.



Peter Reyn-Bardt and Malika on their wedding day.

Estate agents might take on conveyancing

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Estate agents are likely to provide competition for solicitors in conveyancing if Mr Austin Mitchell's House Buyers Bill becomes law, the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers said yesterday.

Commenting on the Bill, which has its second reading on Friday, the society says that it is unaware of any significant demand from house agents to undertake conveyancing, but "if the Bill is enacted, the building societies will be empowered to offer this service and in order to compete, many agents will feel compelled to follow suit."

Concerned about the risks involved for the house buyers if the solicitor's monopoly is ended, the society believes that in spite of safeguards built into the Bill, including limiting non-solicitors to do the conveyancing on property with registered title only, the risk of mistake is merely reduced, not eradicated.

"The society remain firmly of the opinion that not only should all conveyancers undergo a course of training, but they should also have a sound basic knowledge of property law."

Mr Brian Grainger, president of the society, said that it was constantly trying to find ways of reducing costs and speeding property transactions but "this must never be at the expense of professional competence."

A Conservative pressure group, the National Association of Conservative Graduates yesterday gave its support to Mr Mitchell's Bill.

"The Government's stance has been equivocal and unconvincing."

"If (which we very much doubt) the Law Society's arguments against this narrowing of their monopoly are right, then solicitors have nothing to fear because the competition will eventually win their way", the association said.

Arrested lawyer claims damages from the police

A solicitor was accused of theft, arrested in a busy court building and kept in a police cell, a jury at the High Court in Manchester was told yesterday.

But David Middleweek, aged 44, was never prosecuted. His counsel Mr John Huggill QC told the court that the conduct of the police had been "quite outrageous and without justification."

Mr Middleweek, a partner in a Manchester firm, was detained for more than two hours in Liverpool's main police station. Then, in the hearing of others he was being bailed on suspicion of stealing a police document.

Mr Middleweek is claiming damages, alleging wrongful arrest, unlawful search, false imprisonment and defamation from the Chief Constable of Merseyside and Inspector William Coody.

The hearing continues today.

Complaint over 'Koo' Stark story upheld

The Press Council has upheld a complaint that *The Sun* invaded the Royal Family's privacy by publishing information about Prince Andrew and Miss Kathleen (Koo) Stark supplied by a former royal servant.

The material should not have been published, the council said, because it related to matters which were essentially private. Despite great interest in the Royal Family's activities there was an area of life and conduct which they and their guests could regard as private.

Only the first day's material in what was intended to be a series was published because *The Sun* became subject to legal proceedings brought on behalf of The Queen, and publication was halted. The action was settled within days, one of the terms being that no further articles would be published.

Antifreeze test failed by garages

By Robin Young

How can motorists be certain there is enough antifreeze in their cars to withstand winter's low temperatures? The answer, according to West Midlands County Council's consumer services department, is that they cannot, unless they drain the system and refill with the appropriate mixture.

The department filled a test vehicle's cooling system with rather more antifreeze than the manufacturers recommended, then took it to 20 garages selected at random, asking them to check whether any antifreeze was needed. Only four garages agreed there was sufficient antifreeze in the car. Five claimed there was no antifreeze in the system at all, and three of the garages which encouraged the researchers to spend money unnecessarily on buying antifreeze also charged 50p for carrying out the test.

The method of test varied. Most used some form of tester, but others did it by licking a finger dipped in the system and judging by taste. That method is not recommended for do-it-yourself tests as the methanol in some antifreezes can be poisonous.

Doctors win closure reprieve

A group of family doctors have won a High Court order forcing a health authority to reconsider closing their hospital.

Mr Justice Woolf ruled yesterday that Hillingdon Health Authority had acted unlawfully when it made a decision to close the 53-year-old Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital.

In September the authority had decided to close the hospital temporarily because of overspending in the district which would have reached £1m unless drastic measures were taken. A temporary shutdown leading to permanent closure would save £358,000 in a full year.

However, Hillingdon had not taken account of the doctors' three-month contracts and although the authority had now issued termination notices ending the contracts in February, their September decision was quashed.

The hospital which has 36 beds, has remained open pending the outcome of the court action. The judge said his order would only add a short additional delay before the authority met to reconsider the question of closure.

The first decision had been supported by only a small majority and the judge said they were entitled to come to the same decision again but he recognized that there could be a different decision.

Dr Paul Goodwin, chairman of the doctors' committee that runs the hospital said: "We are delighted."

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Third firm cuts holiday prices

Britain's third largest holiday company, Horizon, yesterday joined its two main rivals by reprinting its 1984 summer brochure with an average of 10 per cent price cuts.

The latest move in the price war follows the market leader, Thomson Holidays, relaunching its brochure with 10 per cent cuts on average, and Intersun, the second largest company, reducing prices by an average of 9 per cent.

Body on shore

The body of Jason Collins, aged 12, of Wiltshire Road, Skelton, Cleveland, was found washed ashore yesterday at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, near where the fishing boat *Venus* had overturned the night before. He had gone fishing with his uncle and another man who both scrambled to safety.

Villa discovery

Archaeologists have discovered the remains of a Roman house, built about 300 AD, in Spring Hill, Lincoln. It had an ornate mosaic floor and a hypocaust. Plans are to be built on the site.

Lorry used to transfer hospital patient

From Our Correspondent Peterborough

The management of the Fitzwilliam private hospital which opened at Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, this year at a cost of £4m has admitted moving a badly injured patient in the back of a rented lorry.

The hospital's branch of the National Union of Public Employees published a photograph of the incident on the front page of its December newsletter yesterday with the headline: "Yes, for just £107 a day, you too could be carted about in the back of a lorry."

The patient was a man who had broken his pelvis and was in traction in a bed complete with frame.

Mr Mike Radford, union branch secretary, said: "The lorry was totally lacking in the basic requirements such as adequate interior lighting, beat-



Indian epic: Members of the Kala Kendra dance and drama company from Delhi at the Commonwealth Institute in London yesterday. The group, which is on a European tour, will give performances this week, including a presentation of *Ram Lila*, a famous Indian morality tale of gods, kings, princesses and undying love. (Photograph by John Voos).

Call to ban private shoplifting writs

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Leave to introduce a private members' Bill to ban private shoplifting prosecutions is being sought on January 16 by Mr Greenville Janoer QC, Labour MP for Leicester West.

The Bill would also require the police to follow the Essex force's system of cautions in appropriate cases, including those involving the elderly and infirm.

Mr Janoer says in a letter to Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary at the Home Office, that Leicestershire Police have followed the example of Essex.

Leicestershire Police were the prosecuting authority in the case of Lady Barnett, of Cossington, Leicestershire, a friend of Mr Janoer, who killed herself in 1980 four days after her conviction at Leicester Crown Court for stealing a carton of cream and a tin of tuna fish, valued at 75p, from a village store.

"The dock was no place for poor Lady-Isobel Barnett", Mr Janoer said in a letter to *The Times* on December 2.

Mr Janoer's move to introduce the Bill also follows the decision by F W Woolworth to prosecute a widow aged 77, for shoplifting. Mr Recorder Goldstein described the case as "an affront to British justice."

After the judge's comments, Mr Richard Newcombe for Woolworth decided not to proceed with the case and a formal verdict of not guilty was recorded. Woolworth protested to the Lord Chancellor about the judge's comments.

But Mr Mellor has replied to Mr Janoer that there can be no justification for restricting, in general, access to the courts by private prosecutors as proposed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

Referring to alternatives to prosecution, used by Essex Police, Mr Mellor says that a working group of chief constables and officials is aware of the forces' practice and of cautioning schemes used elsewhere.

Film fans must pay more for 007

Cinema goers will have to pay extra to see two hit films this Christmas.

Prices are to be increased at one hundred ABC cinemas for the new James Bond film, *Never Say Never Again*, starring Sean Connery, and the thriller *Jaws 3D*. Adults will pay an extra 50p and children an extra 25p.

Thorn EMI, which owns the cinema chain, says that increasing prices for "blockbusters" is one way to bring more money into the troubled film industry.

Never Say Never Again has proved the most successful Bond film ever in the United States. The two new films together have grossed more than £100m already.

Thorn EMI's marketing director, Mr Philip Nugus, said: "Putting up prices for individual films is a gamble. But audience research has shown that many people are prepared to pay more for the big-budget, high quality film."

"That means we can spend more on publicity and so attract more money back into the industry to be used on improving cinema standards."

"We are experimenting with this system instead of putting up all seat prices in the new year."

"People who can afford to go to the cinema will do so anyway. For them 50p is not a great deal."

Pub video licence ruling

A ruling by councillors in Dudley, West Midlands, could lead to thousands of public houses all over the country having to be licensed as cinemas at a fee of more than £50.

The Dudley environmental health committee has decided that the Woodmill in the village of Lye, which has one of the new video jukeboxes, must be licensed under the Cinematograph (Amendments) Act, which came into force a year ago.

Other councils are believed to be facing similar decisions. If the ruling stands it could mean public houses and wine bars with video jukeboxes having to apply annually for cinema licences and submit to inspection by the fire brigade and environmental health officials.

South-east spends more for Christmas

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Shoppers in the South-east, particularly in London, are already promising the retail trade there a better Christmas than last year. But reports are bleaker from other regions.

Table wine sales, already on an upward trend as spirits and beer sales have decreased, have again increased and an annual record sale of wines, including ports and sherries, should reach about 750 million bottles by the end of the year, according to the Wine and Spirit Association.

Toy sales for the year are expected to be up by at least 6 per cent to more than £700m worth, according to the National Association of Toy Retailers. An early start to Christmas selling saw sales at Hamleys in Regent Street up by 36 per cent in the first half of November and sales are still running strongly.

But in Sheffield, Redgates, one of the biggest toy retailers in the North of England, has so far been only matching sales volumes of last year, which proved a relatively disappointing Christmas.

While Christmas shopping in the South of England started early there is a noticeable tendency to later shopping in the North.

Cole Brothers a Sheffield department store which is part of the John Lewis Partnership, saw sales decline by 4.5 per cent in the week ended November 26, compared with the same week a year ago. But in the following week to December 3 sales were up by 4.5 per cent.

John Lewis, which has a score of department stores, has seen its best results in the first week of this month in the South-east. Overall sales in the week-ended December 3 were 11 per cent up, just short of the group's projected increase. Toy, radio and television sales were up by nearly 15 per cent.

November sales up

Spending in the shops gathered pace again in November after dipping slightly the previous month, according to provisional figures from the Department of Trade and Industry (Peter Wilson-Smith writes).

The retail sales index, which measures the seasonally adjusted volume of trade in the shops, rose by 1.1 per cent between October and November to a provisional 116.5. This was still below the record 117.3 in September.

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1985 target date for sale of British Airways

PRIVATIZATION

British Airways is to be established as a public limited company next year and sold to the public as soon as possible, probably in early 1985. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, said a Commons statement...



Robinson: Minister being dishonest

Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Secretary of State for Transport, said that the Government was being dishonest in its claims about the privatization of British Airways...

All MPs urged to condemn strike by print workers

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Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, appealed to all MPs to join him in condemning the National Graphical Association's strike...

Diplomatic cars to get much less immunity

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Government is taking action to significantly reduce the number of diplomatic vehicles which are able to escape fines and penalties...



Geoffrey Smith

Mrs Thatcher's message to President Alfonsin of Argentina marks a new phase in the Falklands saga. It also indicates a significant development in her new premiership...

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British Leyland (BL) as individual parts of it moved into profit look no account of the cyclical nature of the sales of the corporate strength holding the company together...

Pressure groups attacked for activities

Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (Con) said that an extraordinary amount of disruption had occurred before the terms of the Bill were properly examined...

Participation in waterways business

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a Commons written reply on privatization...

Severn decisions early in the new year

Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, said during questions in the Commons that he was determined to maintain the Severn Bridge...

Welsh improvement grants backlog will be honoured - Minister

Mr Roberts: We have always made clear that the 50 per cent rate of grant was for a limited period. Although the period for applying for the grant comes to an end on March 31...

The need for professionalism

No doubt he carries more weight with Mrs Thatcher than his immediate predecessor, Mr Francis Pym, who neither enjoyed a happy relationship with the Prime Minister nor seemed well placed in that post...

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Four projects to create 300 jobs. Wales' new inward investment organisation, WINvest, was today announcing four new projects for Cardiff and Tredegar, which promise 300 new jobs. Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, stated during Commons questions...



France's extreme right delighted by surge in Brittany by-election

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The extreme right-wing National Front marked up the most striking result in the 15 national and local government by-elections on Sunday, obtaining 13 per cent of the vote in the parliamentary by-election in the second constituency of the Morbihan in Brittany.

Otherwise, the by-elections showed overall a continuation of the shift away from the left to the right, but with nevertheless some success for the left, with the Communists increasing their share of the vote in three national by-elections and the Socialists increasing theirs in one.

The National Front's high score in the Morbihan, obtained by its own president, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, was unexpected, particularly in a predominantly country area where there are virtually no immigrants. It was the National Front's best result since the 17 per cent it won in the Dreux municipal by-election last September.

A delighted M Le Pen, who

was born in the Morbihan, claimed afterwards that the National Front should now be considered the second most important opposition party after the Gaullist RPR.

M Georges Sarre, national secretary of the Socialist Party, said the result obtained by M Le Pen was worrying.

The Morbihan by-election was held after the election to the senate of the previous incumbent, M Christian Bonoet, UDF *deputé* for the constituency for the past 26 years. Three of the seven people contesting the seat on Sunday were rival UDF candidates.

Between them they obtained 66 per cent of the vote, however, while the Socialist candidate obtained only 15 per cent, markedly down from the 30 per cent the Socialists obtained in the national elections at the peak of the party's popularity two years ago. There will be a run-off between two UDF candidates next Sunday.

The only other parliamentary

by-election on Sunday was in the first constituency of the Lot in the Midi-Pyrénées, where M Maurice Faure, a member of the centre-left Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche (MRG), had held the seat for 32 years until his election to the Senate.

Although the single opposition candidate gained the highest score in the Lot with 43 per cent of the vote, the left is well placed to win the run-off next Sunday. The three Socialist, Communist and MRG candidates obtained between them over 51 per cent.

The young MRG candidate, M Bernard Charles, who was endorsed by M Faure, did surprisingly well, obtaining 23 per cent of the vote, compared with only 16 per cent for the official Socialist Party candidate. The MRG is one of the components of the present Government, but is so tiny, usually getting no more than 2-3 per cent of the national vote, that it is rarely mentioned.



African quartet: President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya (left) celebrating yesterday his country's 20 years of independence with some of the invited heads of state - King Moshoeshoe of Lesotho, President Kaunda of Zambia and President Said Barre of Somalia. The occasion was marked by the pardoning of 7,000 petty criminals and assurances to Uganda and Tanzania that Kenya would never tolerate dissident groups from those nations on its soil.

Angola 'to step up use of Cubans'

By Richard Dowdes

Cuban and Soviet involvement in southern Africa may soon be stepped up and Cuban troops used in direct combat against the Unita guerrillas and the South Africans supporting them, according to an Angolan official.

Mr Arsan Humbaraci, an Angolan Government adviser, told a press conference in London yesterday that the Angolans would soon ask for more Cuban troops and that, in the wake of the US invasion of Grenada, Cuba would be willing to supply them.

Until now, the Cuban forces in his country, estimated by US sources to number 20,000, have been held back from direct front-line combat.

It is understood the Russians have supplied new MiGs, Sam missiles and armour to Angola, and that France has sold Angola Gazelle helicopter gunships. The Soviet Union, Mr Humbaraci hinted, would be delighted with an Angolan decision to raise the stakes for the Americans in Southern Africa.

"Because of South African involvement in this zone, the war may take on new dimensions and the battle here will involve Cuban and perhaps Soviet troops. Cuban troops will be directly involved in the fighting."

American prisons in crisis

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

America's prisons are in crisis. The tougher sentencing of recent years - a response to public demand for sterner treatment of criminals - has filled many jails to overflowing.

Prison governors are concerned that overcrowding is stoking up tensions which could erupt into rioting. One talks of his prison as a time bomb. Attica in New York state, for example, has 2,100 men in its cells - 300 more than the limit set after the 1971 riots in which 43 prisoners and guards died.

The American prison population has doubled in 10 years to 432,000. In some jails, the overcrowded cells can take no more and men are living in tents, basements, gymnasiums and corridors.

In New York city, several hundred prisoners have been released on a judge's orders to relieve pressure on jails. Mr Edward Koch, the outspoken mayor, then accused judges of not working hard enough.

The judges replied that Mr Koch should not push his responsibilities on to the judiciary, and his administration should build more cells. About 12 serious offenders, including five accused of murder and two of rape, somehow got on to the release list in New York. Officials



Mayor Koch: Judges not working hard enough

Somalia to resettle refugees

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Somalia, with the world's highest proportion of refugees to its population, plans to move some of them from overcrowded camps to more permanent settlement where they can become self-supporting.

The problem began in 1978, when hundreds of thousands of ethnic Somalis fled from the semi-desert Ogaden region of Ethiopia after an invasion by Somali troops had been repelled.

The number of refugees was put at well over a million - against a normal population for the country of about four million. Now UN officials estimate that there are about 700,000 refugees in 35 camps in different parts of Somalia.

The Deputy UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Richard Smyser, recently toured many of the camps.

A UN spokesman said there had been a marked improvement. Most camps have adequate water supplies, health and nutrition standards were better and morale among the refugees had improved.

However, the enmity between Somalia and Ethiopia, which reached a peak in 1978, makes it virtually impossible for the countries to devise any plan for the refugees to return to the Ogaden.

Pilots 'too emotional' after air crashes

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's airline pilots were yesterday accused by the Government of reacting over-emotionally to the two recent air disasters.

Señor Enrique Barón, the Transport and Tourist Minister, made the accusation when defending safety equipment at Spanish airports.

Speaking at a specially summoned press conference at which senior tourism officials were also present, the minister emphasized the need for strict observance of travel safety regulations to avoid increasing Spain's accident toll.

Linking the pilots with train drivers and motorists, Señor Barón said: "It is true in Spain we can improve respect for systems of safety."

The one-year-old Socialist Government, which has appointed new directors at half the country's airports, was, Señor Barón said, making a great effort to improve supervision of all transport.

Señor Barón virtually rejected all the criticism voiced by Spanish pilots after the head-on collision last week between two Spanish jets in dense fog at Madrid which killed 93 people. Only 10 days before that disaster, a South American jumbo crashed coming in to land at Madrid, with the loss of 181 lives.

The Minister said it was at the discretion of the airlines whether planes should fly in near minimal weather conditions.

The director-general of tourism said at the meeting that no reroutings of tourist groups had occurred after the recent disasters, but there had been individual cancellations.

No adverse comments on Madrid's Barajas airport had come from British pilots, the Transport Minister said. Gatwick was using the same systems, he said.

Answering the pilots' charge that if Barajas had ground radar, the head-on collision could have been avoided, Señor Barón said a similar accident had occurred in Chicago two years ago where the airport had such a system.

With only a few days of fog a year at Madrid, the problem was really how best to select safety priorities, Señor Pedro Tena, the director-general of civil aviation, emphasized. He suggested that doubling existing radar flight control equipment might be preferable.

Bush tells El Salvador to stop death squads

From Alan Tomlinson, Tegucigalpa

Vice-President George Bush has informed the Government of El Salvador that aid to the country may not continue unless there is an end to killings by right-wing death squads.

US officials in San Salvador said the purpose of Mr Bush's visit was to impress upon President Avaro Magana and his Defence Minister, General Carlos Vides Casanova, the genuine concern of the Reagan Administration about human rights violations in the country.

Mr Bush pressed the point at a dinner in his honour and reiterated it at a press conference given prior to his departure.

3 accused of island plot

Perth (AFP) - A court here was told yesterday of an alleged plot for a commando-style raid to overthrow the Government of the Comoro Islands, off the East African coast.

Three men - Walter John Pilgrim, aged 54, Edward Arthur Greengrove, aged 42, and Frederick John Patrick, aged 46 - appeared at a preliminary hearing in the Perth magistrates' court, charged under sections of the Crimes Act.

The court heard that a former ruler of the Comoro Islands was seeking to be reinstated and the scheme was for Mr Pilgrim to recruit men to overthrow the Government.



Power change in Venezuela

Dr Jaime Lusinchi, aged 59, who was formally proclaimed President-elect of Venezuela yesterday after the Supreme Electoral Council confirmed Democratic Action's landslide victory over the ruling Christian Democrats in elections on December 4.

He will take office in early February. (Colia Harding writes). His party will have an absolute majority in both houses of Congress, with its 118 seats in the lower house more than double those of the Christian Democrats.

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Portugal offers to act as go-between in Falklands negotiations

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

Portugal has offered to transmit Argentina's views on the Falkland Islands dispute to the British Government. Senhor Mario Soares, the Prime Minister, revealed in Buenos Aires that he was the second West European nation to offer to intercede with Britain in search for a negotiated solution to the Falklands problem. France made a similar proposal on Sunday. Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, who carried Mrs Thatcher's Note congratulating the new Argentine Government, has also offered to carry any return messages.

The Prime Minister added that the inauguration of President Alfonsín was "well viewed" in West Europe and would "facilitate a dialogue within the framework of the United Nations about the problem of the Malvinas (Falklands) Islands. The French Prime Minister, M Pierre Mauroy, hinted on Sunday that Paris might be ready to shift its position on the Falklands as part of its support for Argentina's new democratic Government. M Mauroy told a press conference: "France never voted against Argentina in the United Nations, it only abstained, and Alfonsín was not President when that occurred." He also promised that France would open a dialogue with the British to bring about negotiations soon with Argentina in the Falklands.

President Alfonsín's Government was expected to begin announcing its first measures after being inaugurated formally on Saturday. Officials at the Economics Ministry said they would impose indirect price controls on Argentine businesses to halt the soaring inflation rate. A thorough reform of the armed forces, promised by Señor Alfonsín during his campaign, is also expected to be among the first measures taken. Newspapers on Sunday reported that the Government had chosen General Mario Fernández Torres as head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a move which would drive many high-ranking generals into retirement. Government officials have not confirmed these reports and said the names of military appointees would be released this week. The Government's purge is expected to be particularly severe in the Army because it has not weeded out officers responsible for Argentina's defeat in the Falklands war. President Alfonsín has also blamed senior military officers for human rights abuses and the disappearance of up to 30,000 people in a period of repression which began as a fight against left-wing guerrillas.

Mystery of businessman's death

Bodies, denials and hints of spying

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

French police are still keeping an open mind about the death of Mr Niall Campbell, the ICI employee, who was found in Paris on December 1. Further tests on the body were carried out yesterday in Brest. The initial post-mortem examination showed that he had drowned, but police would like to know if he was given any drugs or was hit before he fell or was pushed into the sea. There is a wound on his forehead, but it is not clear whether he received it before or after he drowned. Mr Campbell, aged 42, was married with two children and worked as an assistant planning manager for ICI's fibres division in Harrogate. He came to Paris for a routine business visit on November 30 and booked into his usual hotel, the Vernet, in the 8th arrondissement. The next day, December 1, he brought his suitcase down to the lobby, saying he was planning to leave that evening. After attending meetings at ICI's Paris offices in the morning, he lunched with colleagues, before returning to the hotel to leave his briefcase, containing his passport, return air ticket and some money, saying he was never seen alive again. On December 2, the French Maritime Police picked up a body which had been washed up on the rocks near Brest, not far from the French nuclear submarine base on the Ile Longue. The post-mortem showed the man had died at about midnight on December 1, but he was not identified until last Saturday, more than a week later. Neither Mr Campbell's wife nor ICI know why he should

suddenly have gone to Brest. There have been rumours, however, that he was approached by the British Secret Service shortly before leaving for Paris. The Foreign Office has denied any connexion between Mr Campbell and the intelligence services, as it would have to even if true.



Mr Campbell: What was he doing near Brest? The rumours were fed by the disappearance from Paris of a second British businessman, Mr Robert Graham, a newly-married accountant, aged 27, with the London-based Transport Development Group. French police have stepped up their search for Mr Graham, but insist there is no evidence to suggest any link between the cases. More excitement was generated by reports that a headless, armless body had been found washed up on the rocks near where Mr Campbell's body had been found. It now appears that no such body has been found in the past fortnight.

Kohl tries to woo Andropov

Bonn (Reuters) - Dr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday urged Moscow to preserve top-level contacts with the West and invited President Andropov to visit Bonn. Addressing a leadership meeting of his Christian Democratic Party (CDU), he also said he would welcome a summit between President Andropov and President Reagan next year. The West, he said, would keep all doors open for agreement on limiting intermediate and medium-range nuclear missiles, reducing conventional forces and halting all chemical weapons from Europe. "We will also use every chance of cooperation in other areas - political, economic, cultural and humanitarian," Dr Kohl said. "For this reason, I expressly repeat my invitation to General-Secretary Andropov."

During his Moscow visit last July, Chancellor Kohl invited Mr Andropov to come to Bonn. The invitation was accepted but no date has yet been discussed. Dr Kohl, who has been eager to maintain contacts with Moscow despite East-West frictions over deployment of new US nuclear arms in Europe, said his Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and Mr Andrei Gromyko the Soviet Foreign Minister, would meet early next year. Chancellor Kohl's address, was described by diplomats here as highly conciliatory. Later he told a press reception in West Berlin that Bonn would consider steps to improve relations with Poland and East Germany. Relations with East Germany, he said, were particularly important

Tensions in Israel, Jordan and Lebanon



Face from the past: Mr Menachem Begin, the former Israeli Prime Minister, arriving at his new flat in the Beit Hakarem quarter of Jerusalem. He has disappeared into voluntary seclusion as a result of deep depression on September 6.

Bethlehem security fears grow Britons held at gunpoint in Beirut

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

From Robert Fisk Beirut

Fears are mounting about security during Christmas Eve celebration in the Israeli-occupied town of Bethlehem as a new campaign of violence against Arab and Christian targets. The televised celebrations in Bethlehem's Manger Square have long been regarded as a prestige target for both Palestinian and Jewish terrorist groups. Strict security precautions are already in force. The latest attacks took place yesterday in the Palestinian village of Hussan, only two miles from Bethlehem, where three Israeli Army issue grenades - each professionally booby-trapped with a hair trigger mechanism - were placed by Arab targets. One exploded when a woman opened the front door of her house while the other two were defused by the security forces. The grenades were similar to four planted last Friday at Christian institutions close to Jerusalem's Mount Zion and a fifth at a mosque at Beit Safa, another village close to Bethlehem. All were booby-trapped. Another army issue grenade exploded on Friday night in the main shopping street in the annexed Arab sector of Jerusalem and six Arab-owned cars were vandalized in the village of Abu Tor on Jerusalem's outskirts. Israeli security forces believe that a right-wing Jewish terrorist group is responsible for the attacks, which appear to be part of a campaign begun two weeks ago. The campaign had become noticeably more violent in the

wake of last week's Jerusalem bus bomb attack in which five Jews were killed, including three schoolgirls. One police officer said that the professionalism of the grenade attacks indicated the possibility that the perpetrators had had army training. Extra security measures have been instituted to try to prevent more attacks at a time of high tension between Jews and Arabs in the Holy City. TEL AVIV: Israeli authorities have demolished the homes of three alleged guerrillas accused of killing a Jewish seminary student in the West Bank town of Hebron (Reuters reports). The authorities also sealed off four other homes of alleged terrorists in Hebron and Ramallah, military officials said.

Three British soldiers attached to the multinational force in Lebanon were stopped and detained for an hour by gunmen from the Amal Shia Muslim militia yesterday after they had accidentally driven their Land Rover into the Bourj al-Barajneh suburb not far from the British base in southern Beirut. The Amal militiamen, who originally thought the troops were Americans - despite the Union flag attached to their vehicle - later released the Britons unharmed. A spokesman for the 97-strong British contingent, who failed to explain how the soldiers could have taken a wrong turning so near to their headquarters, said that the men "negotiated their own release" and that their weapons had not been taken from them. Arafat appeal: The Lebanese Army accused Druze militia of breaking the civil war ceasefire yesterday as official efforts again failed to reactivate a security committee charged with stabilizing the truce. Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, asked for protection against an Israeli air attack on his loyalist guerrillas as they assembled at Tripoli's harbour to board Greek ships that will evacuate them. The military command here said army positions had come under Druze artillery and rocket fire.

We are at the edge, says Husain

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

King Husain of Jordan in an American television interview described conditions in the Middle East area as very dangerous. "We are all at the edge of a precipice and (the Middle East) area is threatened," he said in a satellite interview from Jordan on Sunday. Asked to what extent the Soviet presence in Syria posed a threat to Jordan and Middle East peace, the king replied: "The danger in the area is of polarization. He hopes that certain conditions would have to be

met and he would have to have Palestinian participation and support before he could enter into any negotiations with Israel on a Middle East settlement. King Husain said that Israel's illegal settlement activities on the occupied West Bank were continuing to create obstacles. Questioned about the fighting with the Palestine Liberation Organization the king said: "We will continue to do business with a PLO which represents the people of Palestine and their hopes and aspirations." He added that any PLO organization that was

subservient to the will or policies of any Arab state or any force in the world "is certainly one that we would not recognize". King Husain said that the United States has a contribution to make to the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East. It certainly could do that as a superpower interested in peace in the area. "But it cannot do it if it has embarked upon a course that would make it an ally of Israel - in other words, an ally of a belligerent in the tragedy in which we all live."

New EEC spirit on budget

From Ian Murray Strasbourg

The European Parliament was last night moving towards acceptance of the Community's 1984 budget, despite the failure of the Athens summit last week. But a question mark still hangs over the future of the agreed British rebate of £457m, which the Government wants paid by the end of March.

At the previous reading of the budget in the Parliament in October, members of most parties threatened to block it unless there was real progress in Athens. They also blocked all the money for Britain in the budget and tried to put a freeze on five per cent of all agricultural spending. But from the opening speeches in last night's debate, it was clear that a new spirit of compromise is sweeping through the Parliament. The threat of Community bankruptcy appeared to have united the strong farming lobbies.

Mme Christiane Scrivener, the French liberal MEP, who is rapporteur for the budget, told the Assembly last night that the Athens failure required members to show they could override national selfishness and find constructive solutions. The important thing, she said, was for Parliament to behave responsibly to help the Community out of its present crisis. As far as the British and West German rebates are concerned, she was less obviously seeking conciliation.

Base blockade broken

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

Riot police used water cannon against anti-nuclear demonstrators who blockaded an American military depot in Frankfurt yesterday. About 150 demonstrators tried to prevent a West German Army lorry from entering the depot, in the Hausen district, which the peace movement claims is used to assemble parts for Pershing 2 missiles. Up to 40 people were detained, 30 of them for allegedly insulting the police by swearing and spitting at them. In Mutlangen, near Stuttgart, where West Germany's first Pershing 2 missiles are believed to be deployed, 100 demonstrators tried to blockade a US Army base. However, police carried them off the road, detaining 15 of them.



Traffic offence: A runaway hippopotamus from a West German circus attacks a police car before being hustled into a horse van at Kassel.

Islamic scholars brand Syria as anti-Muslim

Islamabad (Reuters) - An international conference of Islamic scholars said yesterday that Muslims were being persecuted in Syria, Uganda and Ethiopia. A communiqué issued at the end of the conference said the scholars expressed horror over the systematic persecution of Muslims in Syria on "a scale and in a brutal manner that has few parallels in history".

Riot police on stand-by in Gdansk and Warsaw

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's leaders have been visiting some of the country's main industrial troublespots on the Baltic coast in an effort to dissuade workers from following the siren call of the Solidarity underground for demonstrations and protest marches this week. In case gentle persuasion fails columns of motorized Riot Police (Zomo) have been moving into place in both Gdansk and Warsaw. There are two possible booby traps the Government may have to cope with this week. The first comes today, the second anniversary of the declaration of martial law by General Jaruzelski. Although Solidarity has not called for unrest today, the anniversary is sure to bring some trouble. A number of factory cells have been discussing the possibility of small-scale wreath-laying ceremonies and chanting. But Friday, the thirteenth anniversary of the shooting of

workers during the food riot on the Baltic coast, is seen as the most volatile date. In Gdansk, Mr Lech Walesa will attempt to make a public speech announcing new plans for the banned Solidarity trade union, while opposition groups in Nowa Huta, Warsaw and Wroclaw have been organizing protest marches. Mrs Walesa home: Mrs Danuta Walesa, the wife of the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, yesterday returned from the awards ceremony in Oslo to Warsaw airport which police sealed off to prevent any show of popular support for her husband (Reuters reports). Mrs Walesa, accompanied by her eldest son, Bogdan, was welcomed by her husband and the family's close friend and adviser, Father Henryk Janowski of Gdansk. Motorists who could not produce airline tickets or were not accredited journalists were turned back by police.

Parents of crippled baby win appeal

The United States Supreme Court refused yesterday to order surgeons to operate on Baby Jane Doe, the nine-week-old infant with multiple birth defects whose case has roused a nationwide controversy (Trevor Fishlock writes).

Baby Jane, whose real name is a secret, was born with an abnormally small head and brain, water on the brain and spinal bifida, an exposed spine. Her parents were told that without surgery she would be unlikely to live beyond two. Surgery would give her a chance of living to 20, but she would be in pain, retarded, paralyzed and epileptic.

The decision against surgery, but a right-to-life group persuaded a court to order surgery and appoint a lawyer as the baby's guardian. This order was subsequently overturned in an appeal court and yesterday the Supreme Court in Washington supported the appeal court's action.

Lisbon's new army chief

Lisbon-Portugal's Cabinet has chosen General Jorge da Costa Salazar Braga to succeed General Garcia dos Santos as Army Chief of Staff (Martha de la Cal writes). General Salazar Braga aged 58, served in Angola and Guinea Bissau and has also been a professor in the Institute for Advanced Military Studies he has no known political affiliations.

Peru guerrillas 'aid drug trade'

Lima (AP) - The Peru Government says it has proof that international cocaine traffickers and Maoist guerrillas are working together in Peru's insurgency zone. An extraordinary session of the senate was held in a special report that the guerrillas provide protection to illegal cocaine traffickers in return for money, arms and clothes.

Scalp reform

Peking (Reuters) - Chinese Buddhist monks and nuns are being urged to scrap a 1,000-year-old initiation rite of burning bare patches on the scalp because it is bad for their health. The Buddhist association's national council, meeting in Peking, will abolish the custom if provincial Buddhist associations agree.

Barents talks

Moscow (Reuters)-Norway and the Soviet Union opened talks intended to break a 12-year deadlock on rights to the Barents Sea. At stake are the rights to 60,000 square miles of Arctic continental shelf seabed believed to hold extensive oil deposits.

Buried protest

Brisbane (Reuters) - Ten people protesting at the building of a road in a rain forest in Cape Tribulation Park, Queensland, were arrested after they had buried themselves in front of a bulldozer. Other protesters chained and roped themselves to branches.

Fine gesture

Bonn-West German police in all states except Lower Saxony and West Berlin will show a spirit of goodwill to traffic offenders during the Christmas period by delaying postage of notices of fines. This is to avoid "disturbance of the family feast days".

Students shot

Peshawar (AFP) - Ten students were injured, one seriously, when police opened fire here on students from a commercial college, demonstrating for increased grants and a return to democracy in Pakistan.

Silent chimes

Copenhagen, (AP) - The city's town hall clock stood still yesterday when 10 anti-nuclear demonstrators stopped the noon chimes from ringing for the first time since they were installed in 1903.

Nota bene

Rome (AP) - The Bank of Italy announced yesterday it will change all Italian banknotes at the beginning of the New Year. The new bills will be more sensitive to electronic machines used to detect fakes.

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Moscow admits mishaps as cosmonauts tell of fuel leak on Salyut 7

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Soviet space officials have stated publicly for the first time that the orbiting space station Salyut 7 suffered a fuel leak recently and that a replacement cosmonaut crew had a narrow escape when their rocket launcher exploded. Both mishaps were earlier reported in the West but denied in Moscow.

At a Moscow press conference, Commander Vladimir Lyakhov, who spent 149 days on board Salyut 7 with engineer Aleksandr Aleksandrov, confirmed that they should have been replaced on 26 September, but there had been an accident on the launchpad.

The two replacement cosmonauts had been catapulted to safety, but their Soyuz mission was abandoned. "We were told immediately," Lyakhov said, "and our flight lasted longer than expected. Our programme of work was expanded."

Lyakhov and Aleksandrov finally returned to Earth on 23 November, using the same Soyuz T9 craft which had brought them to the space station. Officials could not confirm that the return had been hazardous. Lyakhov said they had not been in danger and could have returned at any time.

Vladimir Shtalov, the head of cosmonaut training, admitted there had been problems on Salyut 7 after a fuel leak in a

sub-system used for manoeuvring the giant 47-ton space complex. He said the sub-system had been closed down and the station had continued to function normally.



Commander Lyakhov: "We were not in danger."

American reports in November said Salyut 7 had begun to wallow badly after a propellant fuel leak, and that the two cosmonauts on board might have to be rescued.

Both Lyakhov and Aleksandrov described what could have turned into a serious crisis in calm, almost laconic terms, minimizing the hazards and emphasizing the scientific experiments carried out during the mission.

Aleksandrov described the "emotionally charged" experi-

ence of going outside the space station to install extra solar batteries supplied by the unmanned cargo craft Cosmos 1443 and Progress 18. He said knowing that only a thin space suit separated one from space was an extraordinary sensation. The Earth below was dark, "as in a shadow play", and small objects dropped by the cosmonauts looked like stars.

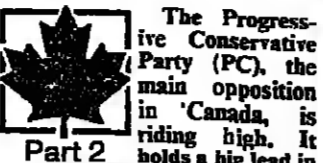
Mr Shtalov, striking a more prosaic note, said the solar batteries were for energy supplies used in experiments and had no connexion with the fuel leak.

He said Salyut 7 was in good condition, and further crews would visit it next year, including an international crew containing Indian cosmonauts now being trained in Russia.

Officials told the press conference that in addition to the space station programme the Soviet Union was carrying out research into an American-style reusable shuttle craft but there were complications. The two cosmonauts appeared to be fit and well, and said they had adapted quickly from weightlessness to Earth after initial difficulties. In walking, Soviet scientists have expressed concern about the effects of prolonged weightlessness on the physical and psychological well being of the cosmonauts.

Canadian Tories rejuvenated by scent of victory Youthful image peps up the political contest

Concluding his series from Ottawa on the Canadian political scene, Ivan Barnes, Foreign News Editor, reports on the leadership of the two main federal parties.



Part 2 The Progressive Conservative Party (PC), the main opposition in Canada, is riding high. It holds a big lead in opinion polls over the governing Liberal Party and scents victory in the general election which must be held within 15 months.

Fundamental to its high morale is the new, young leader. Six months ago Mr Brian Mulroney, a 44-year-old businessman from Quebec, won the leadership. He entered the House of Commons in September with victory in a by-election in Nova Scotia, his first elective office.

One reason, above all others, probably led the Tories to choose Mr Mulroney: they saw him as a winner. They were shaking off the memory of Mr Joe Clark's muffed opportunity in 1979-80, when he briefly led the PC in a minority government.

Without doubt, the Tories have their best opportunity in decades to effect a fundamental change in Canadian politics. The prize for them is their return to the role of a truly national party, a party of government, not permanent opposition.

Ms Janis Johnson, the national director, brims with confidence. "For the first time



Toryism's new faces: Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila wearing the winning smiles that boosted party morale.

in ages", she said, "the party is positive, confident and disciplined." The Liberals have allowed this, in her opinion, by their movement leftwards. "People have had it up to here", Ms Johnson said, "with pseudo-socialism". She talks easily of what improvements two terms of Tory government will make



John Turner: Young hope for the worried Liberals.

Many Liberals now see their man, Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister, as a loser. They want a young standard-bearer to match, and outmatch, Mr Mulroney. One man is always mentioned in any list of replacements, should Mr Trudeau quit. Mr John Turner is named by Liberals as the probable front-runner whether they support the idea of his leadership or not, and despite the fact that he has been out of parliamentary politics for nearly eight years.

There is considerable animosity between the two Liberals. Mr Turner may have been crown prince for more than a decade, but there is no leader's blessing for this recognized heir, as has generally been the case for Liberals in the past. Unless the looming Tory threat and its own desperate position cause Liberal minds to concentrate wonderfully, Mr Turner faces a contest, rather

than a walkover, if Mr Trudeau goes. Many hats could be in the ring. Mr Turner, however, has a strong following. He has maintained a network of contacts in the party since he left government. At 54, he is 10 years younger than Mr Trudeau. He is an "Anglo" and the Liberal tradition that the two main language groups take turns as leader has not broken yet.

Most important is whether Liberals believe Mr Turner is their winner. If they do, the job could be his. Meanwhile, the beleaguered party awaits Mr Trudeau's decision and banks on the Tories making mistakes. That has certainly been the Tory way. Their last two administrations have shown a remarkable tendency for self-immolation. Mr Mulroney, sensibly, is keeping quiet on policy matters. Liberals are confident he will cause great fissures in his party once he is forced to take a stand.

It is the Grits (as the Liberals are commonly known) who win elections, who know how to run politics: Tories splinter, argue in public, ruin their chances. At this stage, it seems that only a miracle can save the Liberals - with or without Mr Trudeau. The Tories know, however, that it would not be prudent to write off the party which has governed Canada for about 50 of the last 62 years, or the man who is the West's senior statesman. Concluded

Prisoners of conscience



Uruguay: Ismael Sena

By Caroline Moorehead

A 45-year-old telephone engineer, father of eight-year-old twins, is one of a growing number of Uruguayan political prisoners whose physical state is causing anxiety.

Ismael Sena, detained since 1975 and charged with "subversive association", has an untreated stomach ulcer. He shares a cell 6ft by 9ft with another prisoner and can leave it for only 45 minutes of exercise each day.

Senior Sena was a delegate for his union and worked in his home town of Montevideo when he and his wife, Alicia, were arrested in October, 1975.

Alicia was released in 1978, but her husband spent six months in detention blindfolded - and was, it is believed, repeatedly tortured - before being moved to a military barracks and then to Libertad prison, known for its harsh treatment and inadequate medical care.

Although no evidence was produced at his trial that he had used or advocated violence, Senior Sena was sentenced by a military court to nine years' detention. Despite petitions and the state of his health there is no suggestion of a reprieve.



Ismael Sena: Spent six months blindfolded.

Ershad's partial clemency

From Michael Hamlyn Dhaka

The new President of Bangladesh started his first full day in office by declaring that he was prepared to talk to any of the politicians about his timetable for restoring democracy.

Lieutenant General Hussain Mohammad Ershad, the chief martial law administrator, who made himself President on Sunday began his new role by releasing four women political leaders who have been held under house arrest.

They were Begum Khalida Zia, widow of former President Ziaur Rahman; Shaikh Hasina Wajed, daughter of the late Prime Minister, Shaikh Mujibur Rahman; Mrs Motia Chowdhury and Mrs Ivy Rahman, both leaders of the Awami League.

Four male political leaders, however, who were arrested with them after the disturbances on November 28 remain in jail.

President Ershad's benevolence towards the politicians is very much linked to how they react to his offer of talks. He is plainly prepared to be flexible over the timing of presidential and parliamentary elections.

The politicians are keen to have parliamentary elections before presidential elections, so as to build themselves a power base in the country before tackling General Ershad in a presidential contest.

But on one of their demands he was quite inflexible: he will not withdraw martial law until after the elections have been held. "Some one has to run this country," he said. He is still not ready to lift the restrictions clamped down on political activity after the November 28 demonstrations.

Surrounded by a throng of journalists under the huge chandeliers of the Bangabhaban, the presidential palace, which used to be the home of the governors of East Bengal, he added: "I asked the politicians to explain what happened that day. But they couldn't."

The demonstration which started out quite mildly went out of hand as a crowd attempted to force its way into the government secretariat.

Swoop on ANC as sacred date looms

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Ten people were arrested in a police swoop on African National Congress (ANC) suspects believed to be involved in a plot to launch a terror campaign to coincide with South Africa's Day of the Vow on Friday, the most sacred date in the Afrikaner calendar.

It commemorates the victory in 1838 of the Voortrekkers over the armies of the Zulu king, Dingaan, at the so-called Battle of Blood River. But it is also the anniversary of the formation of the ANC's military arm, Umkonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation).

A police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that further arrests were possible. General Johan Coetzee, Commissioner of Police, confirmed that large arms caches had been discovered after a shoot-out in the coloured township of Eldorado Park, near Johannesburg, last week. One of the people arrested was a prominent ANC member, General Coetzee.

The shoot-out, he said, came during police investigations into an attempt in October to kill Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister.

Ozal Cabinet delayed

From Rasit Gardilek, Ankara

Mr Turgut Ozal, Turkey conservative Prime Minister-designate, submitted the list of his Government to President Kenan Evren yesterday, only to be told that its scrutiny would take at least a day. Mr Ozal chairman of the Motherland Party, which secured a safe majority in the 400-seat Parliament in last month's elections avoided giving any reason for the unaccustomed delay in approval of the Cabinet list, he merely told reporters that the list would "probably" be made public today, hinting at "surprise appointments". He declined to comment on speculation that the delay might be caused by the inclusion in the list of names outside Parliament, or to be more precise, those who were vetted earlier by the military regime.

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Exit Jennifer (stage left)

Just as Cinderella opens at the National Theatre this week, the principal lizard has slid offstage. Jennifer Hall, daughter of Sir Peter and film star Leslie Caron, has abandoned the boards after a quarter of a century (from birth to now) in the acting world. Last month she was Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; now her personal career of stardom is finished.

Jennifer Hall has a mother's mouth, her father's eyes and a mind of her own. Her current change of career is for love and marriage — she is to marry farmer Alex Clive and swap the South Bank for apple orchards. "Acting is something that takes up the whole of your emotional life," says Jennifer. "I wouldn't want to act half heartedly."

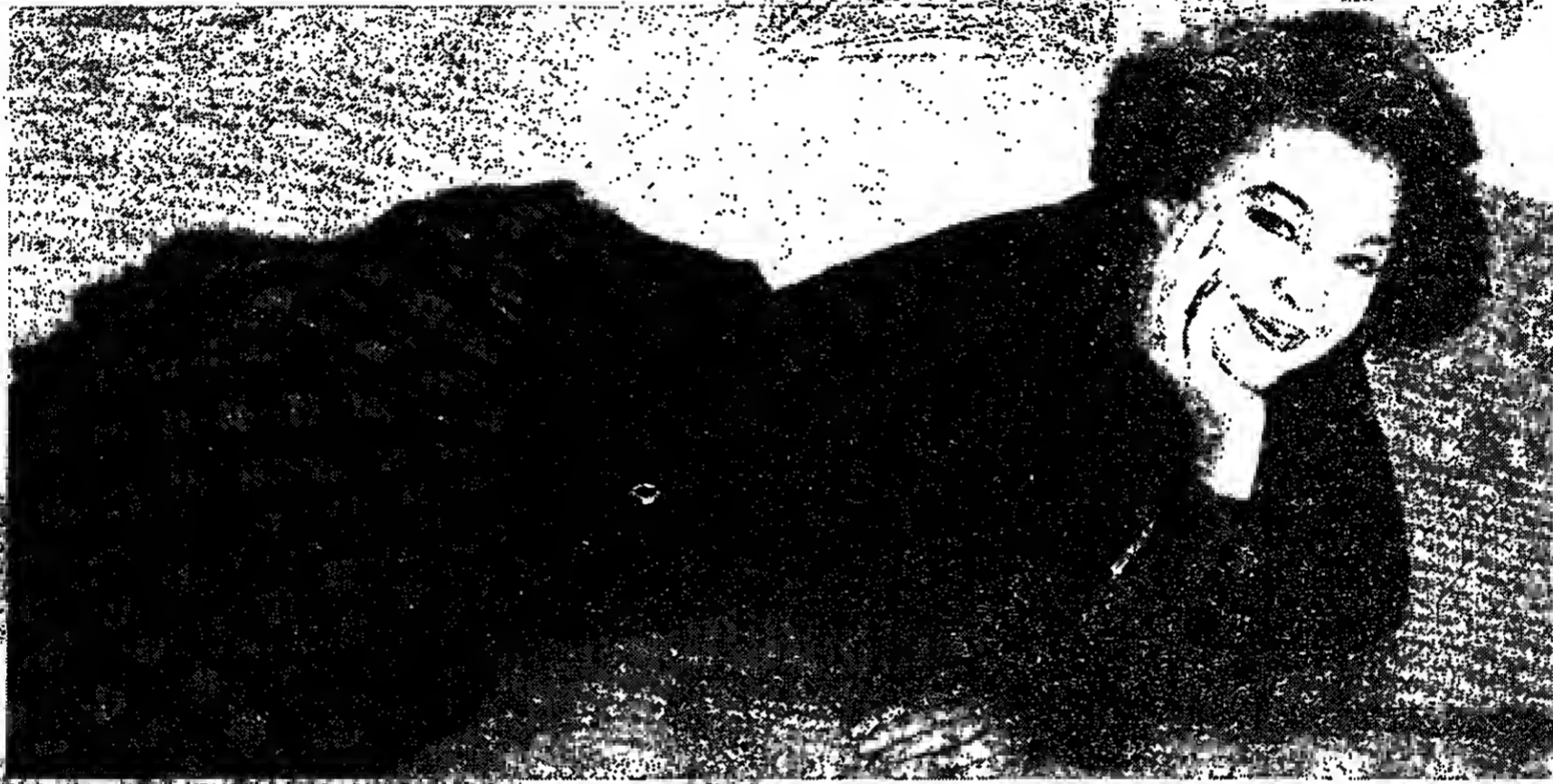
Her last dramatic switch of roles was when she abandoned Cambridge University three years ago to take up acting. "Then I was in love with acting but now I have changed." The path to the National Theatre was provincial paving stones, a variety of parts from *Macbeth* to *Beckett*.

Variety is the spice of her life and of her wardrobe. She dresses, like her mother, in a variety of styles, from traditional to the latest. Yet she makes her own choices. "I suppose that I haven't quite found my style yet," she admits. "I find that I am always changing. I used to wear garage mechanics overalls and awful old jackets. I never had a feeling about dressing up for the theatre. It was rather a question of dressing down."



French. One of her favourite fashion memories is the week spent with my mother at the Plaza Athénée going round with her to see all the most amazing and wonderful French clothes. I was only about 11 or 12, and she bought me the most beautiful things. I've passed them on to my little half-sister.

Her father helped her through rep by reading parts with her. When they were physically much closer at the National Theatre, there was paradoxical little professional contact. He is now rather sad that she has given up acting "because the theatre means so much to him". Jennifer asked whether she ever felt in the fashion shadow of her mother. She replied that her mother now lives in the country rather than in town. "But a little of the city."



FASH BOOKS Visual treats for Christmas

Fashion Drawing for Vogue (Thames and Hudson £20) is a big and beautiful book. Although William Packard's work is actually dating from the 1930s, it is a study of fashion illustration in this century. The book covers its high Auguste, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. It is a setting for the elegant graphic work of the many Parisian illustrators (many of them launched by Vogue magazine). Even the young Cecil Beaton, known for his cynical camera work, used pen and ink on fashion socialites in 1933. Some of the most fascinating



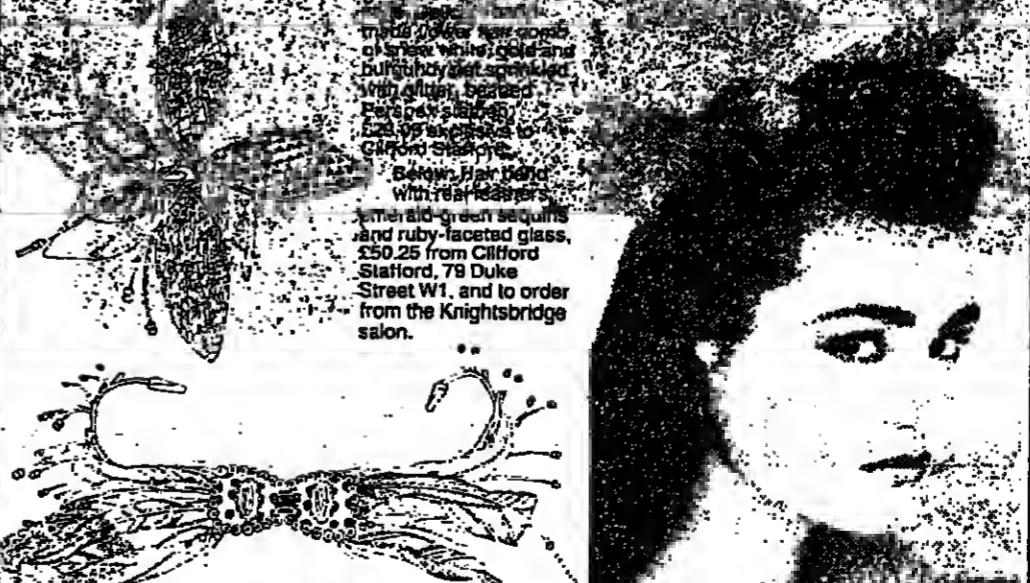
studies are portraits, like Bouché's 1961 drawing of Jacqueline Kennedy. In our own time, only the Spanish-born fashion illustrator Antonio has captured the sense of style which is vividly represented in the earlier work, right up to Eric's poignant studies of grand hats at the height of the war. (The search for artists in wartime encouraged Vogue to use the young Rusko Spear). David Hockney writes an introduction and one displays his delicate drawing of Celia Birtwell in her own print dress as one of the many full colour pages. Twentieth Century British Jewellery: 1900-1980 by Peter Hinks (Faber and Faber £27.50) is a serious book written with the lightness of touch that makes it interesting for a general reader as well as indispensable for students of the craft of jewellery. The art and craft story is the tale that Peter Hinks has to tell, from the movement of that name in the early part of this century to the designer-craftsman revival of our own time.

His discussion of changing fashions in jewelry (lavishly illustrated in colour and black and white) becomes a study of particular jewellers, as the school output in the 1970s gives a new image. Mr Hinks's head of jewelry at Liberty's, is particularly interesting about the explosion of design talent in the liberated shapes and lines of jewelry. The surreal and fantastic strain in modern jewelry is paralleled by the art nouveau fascination with medievalism and mythology. Jokey and

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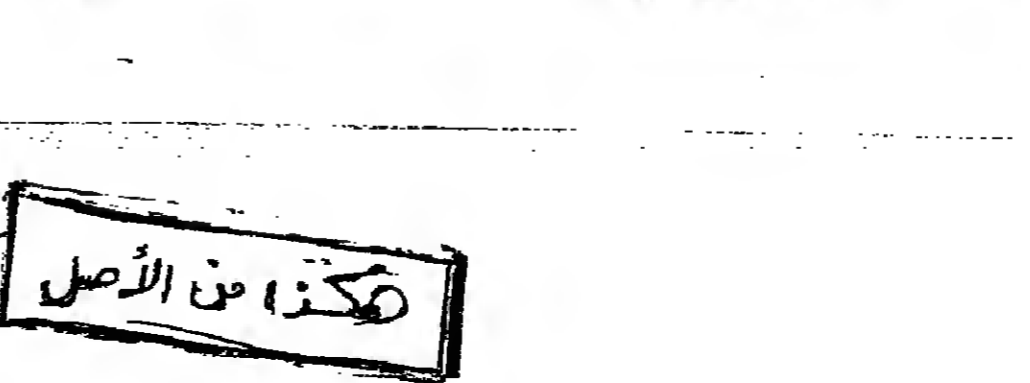


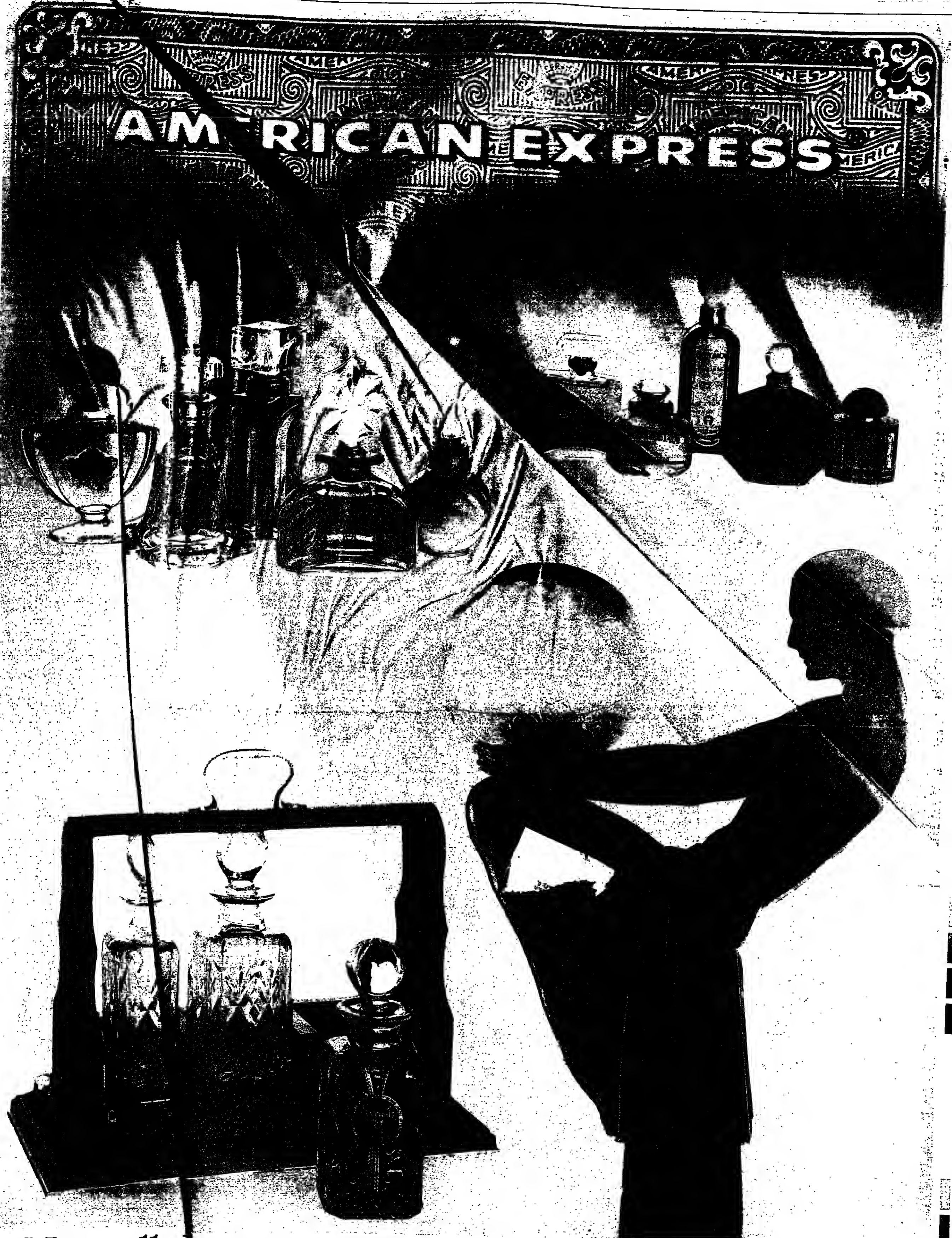
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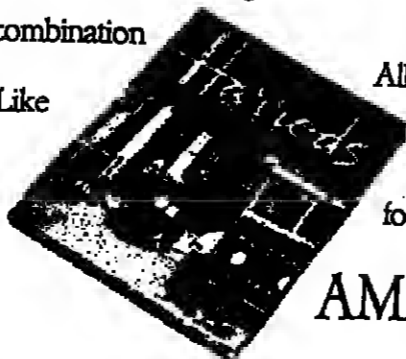




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Sir Oswald and the Jews

moreover... Miles Kington



On July 2, 1940, the founder of the British Union of Fascists, Sir Oswald Mosley, sat down before a government committee appointed to advise on his wartime internment and chaired by Norman Birkett (left). The record of the 16 hours of interrogation remained secret until yesterday, when it was released by the Public Record Office. In the following extract, Birkett began by asking about the BUF's attitude to Jews...

MOSLEY: We started in 1932 quite openly without any thought of the Jews, no more thinking of them than of the Irish. I had never come across it as a problem and most of our people had not. During those two years we were violently attacked by certain Jewish interests. Our people were persecuted. Our supporters were blackmailed by Jewish interests. I had never looked into the problem. I had at that time never been to Nazi Germany, but I was forced to regard the problem by the action which they took against us. There are many explanations for their action: they may have seen what was happening in Germany and feared we were going to do the same thing, but making all allowances, the fact is that it was their action against us which brought it to my notice and after one or two warnings I violently attacked them.

BIRKETT: On what grounds did you attack them? Their whole influence upon national life, I should have said that I had never looked into the problem in any shape or form. I always actually thought it was the work of cranks and always, although they were so opposed to us, I overlooked it and then I said "why are they so opposed to us?" We want to stop certain things. We want to stop international usury. We want to stop the whole money-lending racket. We do not like price cutting. Gradually it dawned upon me that certain people were very much engaged in these things. I was compelled to look at the Jewish problem by their opposition to us and, having looked at the Jewish problem, I developed what is called anti-semitism.

In what year did you first make your declaration against the Jews? October 1934, the Albert Hall meeting. I think it is about October 1934. It will be recorded in the general papers. I previously quarrelled that summer with Lord Rothermere because he saw this coming and he publicly demanded that I should adopt the Conservative policy and should not develop anti-semitism. We had correspondence which was published at the time on the subject, and my first initial attack on the Jews was October 1934. I had then never been in Germany except once when accompanying Mr Ramsay MacDonald in the spring of 1929, when I heard a funny man called Hitler had started a funny movement. I did not meet him.

You would appreciate that a policy of hostility to the Jews at a time when Jews were being oppressed in Germany

would not be very popular among humane people in this country? I think that anti-semitism here has grown colossal in the last few years. When we began it hardly existed. Do you think the British Union fomented it? Yes, I think it is partly them, and partly us. Again, part of the policy of the British Union is to stop all immigration, is it not? Stop all foreigners coming in, but gradually and humanely get rid of all foreigners who are here.

That is to say this country would no longer be, as it was in the old days, an asylum for the oppressed? Oh, certainly.

And those who were here would be expelled? Gradually.

And the Jews would be expelled too? Quite right.

Would they be allowed to take their possessions with them? Yes.

Even the "international racketeers" as they are termed? They would be subject, naturally, to inquiry. They would get it like anybody else.

They would come out of that inquiry very badly, would they not? Some, very badly.

And then they would not be allowed to take anything? But we apply the same rule to our own people.

The attitude of the British Union to the Jewish problem arose, I understand you to say, because they had attacked your meetings and you thereupon gave the problem some consideration? Not only attacked our meetings, but there was also the victimization of our people employed by Jews.

In what sense - in the "sweated" industries? Simply dismissed: a girl known to be a Blackshirt was dismissed.

By that time, 1934, the Jews in this country had seen how their colleagues were being treated in Germany? Very likely that was so.

And they said, no doubt, "this Fascist Movement in Britain is the same type of movement existing in National Socialist Germany"? Yes.

You did adopt the Italian uniform, did you not? No. The coloured shirt? The uniform



actually was I think a mistake. It was an idiosyncrasy of my own: it was based on the fencing jacket, a sport of which I was very fond, and the Italian actually was quite different from our uniform but the colour was the same.

Black? Yes. We began with the grey shirt. I did not want to be like any foreign movement, and it did not succeed, people did not like it, and people wanted the black shirt, which was opposite to the red they were fighting.

May I say, on this question of uniform and what is called dressing up and all the nonsense as they call it, that the basic idea is to put over a new movement in a hurry, to do, which you have to adopt completely new ideas. You have an apathetic public who are not prepared to notice anything new, and you have to wake them up and make them sit up. I do not suppose it would be believed for one moment, but I first had the idea of dramatizing politics not in Italy or Germany but in the town of Durham where I used to go every year when I was elected to speak to the Durham Miners' Gala. Every year a hundred thousand miners, I think, used to march into that town with their bunting and bits of colour, march in formation with as much spectacle as they could possibly manage. It then occurred to me: "Why do these people do that? It has obviously a profound psychological motive of some sort".

The answer was their lives are very dull, the British working class and lower middle class have very dull and drab lives, and I came to the conclusion that one of the reasons why the Labour Party was not succeeding was because they were even duller in their presentation of things than the masses to whom they were appealing. The one thing the masses wanted was dramatic colour, and all these silly things, if you like, which the cinema gives to them. I then decided to dramatize politics, and introduce the marching, the dressing up, the symbolism and all the rest of it.

It is suggested that there is reasonable ground for believing that Italian money came. What do you say with regard to that?

I say I do not for one moment believe that, and I cannot see why it should be suggested. I have, as I told you, divorced myself with very great care from the financial side. At the period in question, in particular this period, we quite obviously had the support of very big capitalists. I had not the least difficulty in raising large sums of money for the New Party.

That is to say there is the possibility that Italian money did come to the British Union of which you have no knowledge? Obviously it is possible; but I will say this, that I have always throughout given instructions, or at least given my advice, that no money should ever be accepted except from British subjects, and provided it was given without condition.

Who would know if any money came from Italy? Any collector who had done it, I suppose, who had got it.

Bot would he be authorized, so to speak, to go to Italy to try to obtain money? He would not.

Let me deal with it in this way. First of all, you made a good many visits to Italy, did you not? I made a lot of visits to Italy, beginning with May 1920, and I went to Italy whenever I had an opportunity, and to France still oftener.

On these visits, did you see Mussolini? That was the first time I ever met Mussolini. . . . I can save a lot of trouble by saying I met Mussolini at least half a dozen times in my life beginning before the movement started, and if I went to Italy I would always, if it were convenient, see him.

Why was that? Because he was at that time the most interesting man in the world.

Did you discuss with your movement? No, not in any form. Was the general political talk party discussed seven or eight years ago. Oh, naturally, discussed the whole of the question with him since the movement was founded, certainly I discussed it, but I do not think there was any discussion on that point when I first met him, because I think it was before the movement was ever formed.

What is the explanation of the support of the British Union and its policy of other movements, by Mussolini against Abyssinia, by Hitler against Czechoslovakia and elsewhere? No, I do not support their movements.

Would many of your supporters actively assist Germany? No, I do not think so, certainly not. I do not believe among my own supporters there are any at all who would even sympathize with Germany in a struggle against this country, let alone help her. After all, many of my people are in the forces.

Let me put a matter that may at first sight seem a little irrelevant. You need not trouble about it if it is, but there was a period when Lord Rothermere was giving you large sums of money, was there not? Yes, certainly.

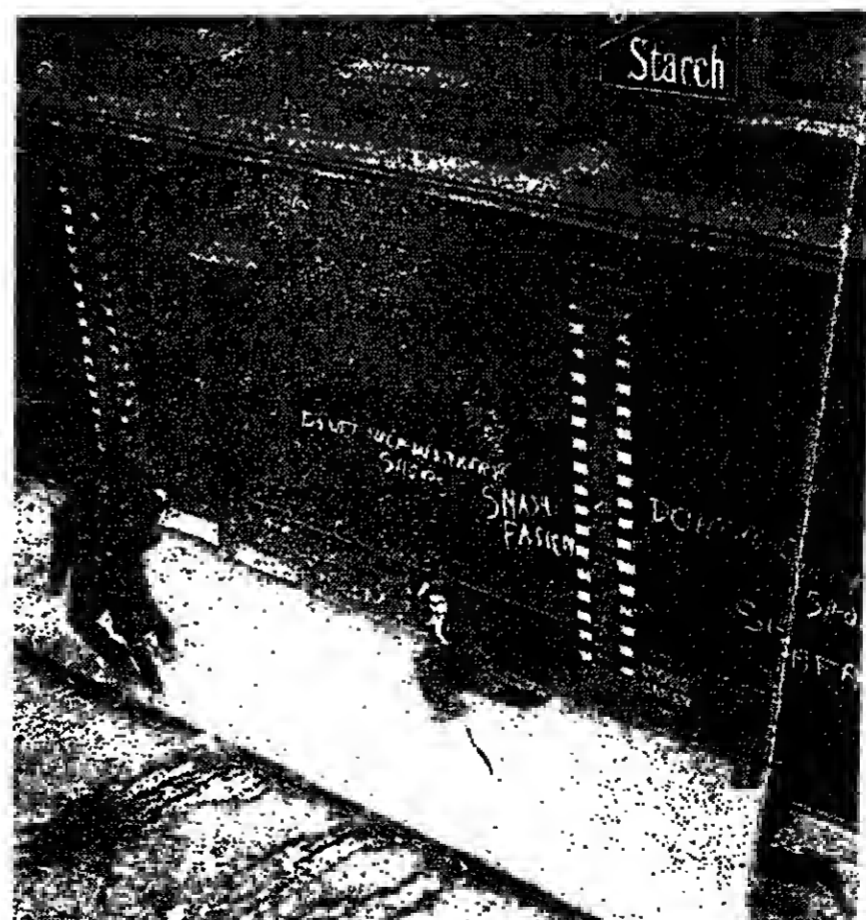
Did they appear in your books? This is in confidence. He was one of the three people who insisted on subscribing through me, and Rothermere insisted on subscribing through me. Ooe was a stockbroker, and the other was a Conservative MP whom I prefer not to mention.

Did they go through the books? I think you would find them under the entry of a gift from me. Rothermere stipulated that the transaction should be done through me. When he did it that was the beginning of his relationship with us but whether he later gave large sums I do not know.

Going through the books, without any knowledge of Lord Rothermere's gift, nobody would be able to discover from the books that Lord Rothermere had been a contributor. No, certainly not.

Why? For reasons, I gathered, which I subsequently found to be true, that his advertisers threatened to boycott him, and that was why the Daily Mail stopped backing us, and the Jewish advertisers, Lyoos and those sort of people. He was frightened out of his wits, most of these businessmen were. For instance, Lord Nuffield, as was common knowledge in the early days of our party, gave us large sums of money, but he even went so far as to publish in the Jewish Chronicle that he was not supporting us because his cars would have been the subject of a boycott. I do not say that Nuffield supported us afterwards, but these men were at colossal pains to hide their connexion with the movement; in fact it was a joke among our people to conceal their connexion.

● The article about Andre Preu announced yesterday, will appear at a later date.



Top: Police chasing demonstrators during the Cable Street riots between the anti-semitic Mosley fascists and their opponents. Above right: Lord Rothermere, donor of secret funds, with Hitler in 1937. Above right: Nuffield, another covert source of funds.

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Arts Round-Up: Tomorrow's Cultural Headlines Now!

An enormous furor is building over a portrait of the Queen - commissioned by the Post Office!

The offending picture of Her Majesty appears on every stamp sold by the Post Office over 100,000 counters up and down the country. It shows her as a young girl with a dress almost off the shoulder, wearing a crown at a rather jaunty angle.

"It's an absolute travesty", says art expert Quentin Portillo. "We all know that the Queen is in late middle age, with the dignified wrinkles and laugh-lines that that entails. Yet here she is, portrayed by some satirical upstart at the Post Office as a sort of Sloane Ranger off to the Hunt Ball for a spot of I-don't-know-what. I am absolutely horrified. And they've also missed the name of the country of the stamp, now that I look. Whatever next?"

The Palace has weathered the storm by claiming that they have not seen the offending stamp.

"Actually, we frank our outgoing mail here" said a spokesnob. "and incoming mail is taken out of its envelope before we ever see it. So I haven't the faintest idea - but you're talking about. But rest assured, if we had something to say on the subject, we would say it."

Jean 'andel, the new smash musical at the Old National, is soon to move to the We End. That's the news from impresario Zinka Rodent, who is merrily minding the transfer of Jean Bidel, the smash hit about the girl from America who toured Europe to sing for Richard Care-de-Lyon.

The media wing of Lord Rothermere's gift, a horror movie which shows what would happen if Britain were taken over by a blond superman with staring eyes, according to Heseltine, nobody's mind would be left unscathed by the perience and most of the population would be left zombies.

"setling is just a fictional character", says an IBA spokesbore. "He couldn't appear in real life. So nuts to you, ND."

var Seberg, the smash hit musical on in the West End, is soon to move to the Peter Hall Theatre, says impresario Zinka Rodent. The show tells the story of the 10,000 people who wrote every year to the actress in Paris but never got an answer. The music is by Marvo Hamburger, who wrote Scott Joplin's The Entertainer.

Is Liked Chinese Music a fake? That's the question bothering a lot of people who have read the biography of Harold Holt, well-known classical impresario. The book claims that Holt has been in the pay of the Chinese all along to infiltrate Chinese music into the Wigmore Hall. But no Chinese music has ever been played there, say the detractors.

"True", says author Anthony Grey. "But you've got to remember that Harold Holt was a damned bad Chinese agent."

Bob Fosse's Transferrin', the red-hot musical about a chorus line that could not make it on Broadway, is believed to be going on an out-of-town tour prior to its disappearance. "If you say that in print," says impresario Zinka Rodent, "I'll sue The Times for every penny it's got."

That's all for now, folks. More news about the arts later if there ever is any news about the arts.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 222)

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- ACROSS: 1 Advisor (6), 8 Jacks (4), 9 Jeering remark (5), 9 Chuck (7), 11 Elation (8), 13 At summit (4), 15 Tibetan leader (5,4), 18 Conceal (4), 19 Obvious (8), 22 Concretions (7), 23 Passing smell (5), 24 Gloomy (4), 25 Oath supervisor (6)

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AN OCCASIONAL COMMENTARY ON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Yes, Henry, I know I said I was going to a matinee. I changed my mind, went to Fortnum's instead and stocked up for Christmas. Now that's what I call entertainment. Just look at all these fabulous things.

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No, Henry, it's not a lot really. We must have plenty enough for the unexpected guest - and we'll have plenty of those if people hear we bought all our Christmas goodies at Fortnum's.

Don't drop that, Henry - it's a Whisky Decanter. Of course it's heavy - it's full of 12 year old malt whisky and you know how fond you are of that. Oh, bother, I've told you what I'm giving you for Christmas.

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THE ARTS

BBC1 tonight screens a dramatization of Rex Warner's novel The Aerodrome. Robin Chapman, who wrote the script, here reflects upon the problems of turning book into play

Why the dramatist must always aim to be explicit

Peter Firth in The Aerodrome



dramatizer those people and landscapes will be on view; all novels are historical, all plays modern. The novel can choose to be explicit or implicit. Certain things can only be left unsaid or merely hinted at, so that the reader's imagination is free to work on deliberately imprecise and therefore evocative information. A dramatist cannot do this - before all else an audience must know what is happening on a realistic level. Drama can never be impressionistic for long. Juxtapositions can cease to be a minute or so, but then the expected must occur even if it is only a later being posted through a door to join others already lying on the mat. A perfect example of the evocative power of implication in the novel that would provide problems for the dramatist is Heathcliff's 'nightwalk' and fervid death at the end of Wuthering Heights. Here the question is: Has Heathcliff sinned? Cathy again? Put like that seems comic and if the question is answered in the affirmative and dramatized, it could easily become even more so on screen. What does not mean the drama can ignore it. As readers we already know that Heathcliff has opened Cathy's coffin once before and made her sit on the other side of the window from her husband Linton he will have easier access to his dead love. How a corpse moves across to embrace another is not a question Emily Brontë need answer, of course, nor whether on his 'nightwalk' Heathcliff checked the coffin arrangements again and embraced the beloved corpse once more. But a dramatist needs to do at least decide from the evidence available. Did he, didn't he? And if you decide Heathcliff did, do you dramatize his nightwalk? Or if you decide he did not dig Cathy up again, do you pretend the implication is not there in the original when it deliberately and powerfully yet imprecisely is?

Of course Emily Brontë is not in the business of the dramatist's 90-minute screenplay is quite different from a four of six-part serialization. The former is like a specially exhibited major painting, the latter a gallery bung with related tapestries. There is more theatrical heat and energy in a single novel than in a serial and some novels are better suited to one than the other. For example, the Kafkaesque surrealism of The Aerodrome is more effectively realized in a single concentrated form. To dramatize it would be to ask an audience to accept the family relationships in the story at a more time to receive the book simply as it is, suppressing any likes or dislikes, forcing myself to have no opinion just as I do when at work on a novel or play of my own: the raw material is just that - raw. At this early stage, I can only conclude that I like the novel and I am sure that my opinion can preclude invention. After this the first consideration is whether the book's spirit is best reflected in a single screenplay or in several episodes. The impact (let alone the dramatic construction) of a 90-minute screenplay is quite different from a four of six-part serialization. The former is like a specially exhibited major painting, the latter a gallery bung with related tapestries. There is more theatrical heat and energy in a single novel than in a serial and some novels are better suited to one than the other. For example, the Kafkaesque surrealism of The Aerodrome is more effectively realized in a single concentrated form. To dramatize it would be to ask an audience to accept the family relationships in the story at a more time to receive the book simply as it is, suppressing any likes or dislikes, forcing myself to have no opinion just as I do when at work on a novel or play of my own: the raw material is just that - raw. At this early stage, I can only conclude that I like the novel and I am sure that my opinion can preclude invention. After this the first consideration is whether the book's spirit is best reflected in a single screenplay or in several episodes. The impact (let

flavour? An example: John Mortimer rightly decided that in Brideshead Revisited Charles Ryder had to remain as the narrator/author/surrogate. Transpose the book's events into third person drama, with the camera casting a coldly objective eye, and the subject would dissolve into a miasma of Vogue-ish occasions; Waugh's popish Bunting is chiefly made palatable by Ryder's tone of voice. I then make a list of all the actions as they occur in the book. Every single action in order. This list-making is a rather tedious, reductive and uninformative part of the job. Absolutely necessary because invariably you cannot include all the actions (dramatic action takes longer to be performed and takes to read) so inevitably there are choices to be made: can we have the fire and the near drowning, or should one of these stand for both? Apart from selecting the actions that you believe best represent the author's intention, you also have to consider the order in which they happen; the sequence in the book may not be that best suited to the screen. Truffaut's dictum, a film should have a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order, always applies. These preparations are necessary because the dramatist must be in command of his material. He must have experienced and absorbed it so that in writing the screen version he need not refer continually to the original; do that and a play is likely to be a patchwork of quotations. Overall comprehension leaves the dramatist free to be imaginatively faithful to the original author. All in all, by virtue of the processes I have described, the dramatist makes a creative literary critic: he selects a play for the screen out of his material, frequently having to make explicit what was implicit. As we know, a text changes every time it is read; how much more does it change when it is transposed from one medium to another with pictures replacing literature's moral landscapes?

Television Killing society

BBC's Panorama set out last night to expose the inadequacies of the law relating to deaths on the roads, the ambivalent attitude of courts and police to this kind of "social killing", and the "total collusion" between courts and insurance companies to keep compensation low and hard to get. The reporter Margaret Jay and the producer Tom Bower made an alarming, convincing job of it. They examined several cases, talking to those who had killed, relatives of those who had been killed, police and prosecutors. Miss Kay's incisive questioning left several hanging on the ropes. The worst case, which qualified because of the numbers involved, was that of Ron Bolton who, he said, had fallen asleep at the wheel. His 32-ton lorry ploughed into a stationary minibus on the M6 and wiped out a family of seven Asians. He was fined £350 for careless driving and £325 for altering his tachograph, and disqualified from driving for a year. He altered the tachograph to conceal a stop in Birmingham to see his girlfriend. Police admitted Supri Warig, of the Greater Manchester force, who was in charge of the investigation, had not interviewed the girl to examine whether Mr Bolton's sleepiness was culpable. She had not been regarded as a material witness. Supt Waring spoke of the difficulty of producing evidence which would have been required for a more serious charge. It was necessary, he said, to prove that a driver took a risk knowing what the end-product of it would be. Arnold Singer, chairman of the Wigan bench who heard the case, conceded that he had been "a little surprised that the lesser charge was brought". Mr Bolton - who, it was said, had no intention of paying the fine, though he volunteered that he had received pound notes as well as congratulations from members of the National Front - said it was "just the kind of thing that happens". He subsequently described himself as a "damn anybody". Panorama also examined the American situation where, thanks to pressure from lobbyists such as the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), legislation making social killing less free from appropriate consequences. This was a first-class programme with Panorama, as it were, out of church for once.

Recently I read a preview of the final episode of Troy Kennedy Martin's adaptation of Angus Wilson's The Old Men at the Zoo, in which the adapter was rebuffed for making what had been implicit in the novel explicit on screen.

There are of course plenty of misconceptions about the job of adapting novels for television. Perfectly intelligent well-read persons can and do assume that you just "do the dialogue". They are often surprised when you say you are equally concerned with what is seen as what is heard. "Oh, I thought the director did the visuals?" they reply. At this point you take a deep breath - well, I do - and either change the subject, or else tough it out with a lecture on the mode of the narrative voice: first person versus third person; to switch pretty well everybody off, which is not to say I shall not come back to it.

Perhaps some prevalent misunderstandings come from the term "adaptation" itself. "Dramatization" is also used but not so widely, though it does describe the job more precisely. Adaptation suggests something akin to editorial abridgement (condensed classics) rather than the more muscular business of expressing a novel in dramatic terms. Some novels, of course, lend themselves more readily to the process - clearly Oliver Twist would be easier to dramatize than The Waves.

And that brings me back to Kennedy Martin's previewer who appeared momentarily unaware that the job of the dramatist is always to be explicit. There are no exceptions to this rule. Now does the explicitness of drama mean it cannot be subtle or imply infinities of unexpressed emotion (take Chekhov), but the dramatist achieves such ineffabilities only by way of specific actions, however large or small.

Theatre is the verb, not the adjective. Joan Littlewood used to say, and here we have the crucial difference between novel and drama - a novel is essentially descriptive, a play essentially active. A novel can be action-packed, but it will still be a chronicle of described people moving in described landscapes. For the

Galleries

A message of entranced delight

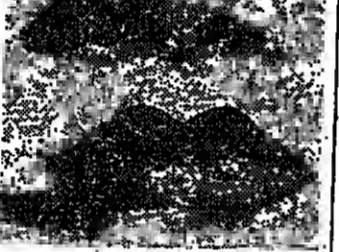
Variety is always the spice of life in Cork Street, and seldom more than at this time of year, when London's commercial galleries, even the grandest, hope against hope that the Christmas spirit will descend like a benison and people will buy paintings, if not for themselves, at least for one another. There is, of course, as they say, no obligation to purchase, so whether your taste in Christmas presents runs to enormous canvases by Julian Schnabel at over £30,000 apiece or to tiny watercolours around the £35-50 mark, or whether you just like to look, a little rambles along Cork Street should be well worth your while - especially since it boasts at the moment two completely new galleries for your delectation.

You might start with Browse and Darby, who have a wholly beguiling show of paintings by James Reeve (until December 21), including exquisitely detailed oils - a Somerset farmyard, watercolours of eastern scenes and some beautifully finished studies of seashells on a beach. Whatever the medium, the message is one of entranced delight in the world about us. Next door, at the Redfern, is an in general lightweight but highly enjoyable show of Prints and Literature (until December 31), which ranges confidently from Barnett Freedman's lithographs for Jane Eyre to Picasso's sketches for Ovid. Some of the pieces are very familiar, and some very rare, but all-in-all they make a cheery assemblage. Cross the road to the Piccadilly Gallery, and you will find an equally varied Christmas Exhibition with some lovely Symbolist and Art Nouveau drawings, a couple by the improbably named Uriel Birbaum of

particular interest, and a wonderfully characteristic drawing of a girl preparing for a bath.

At this point you might as well go back to the Robert Fraser Gallery, which has an extensive show of Dalí Drawings from the Edward James Collection (until December 21). James was one of Dalí's prime patrons in the Thirties, and notoriety had the pick of his production so it is not surprising even for those, like myself, who cannot quite take Dalí, and certainly cannot take him seriously, the evidences are interminably impressive. He certainly has a cunning way with a pen, and some of his more rabid fantasies - women dressed as drawers, everyone topped with multiple crucifixes - find better forms here than in his paintings. And sometimes, like the visionary *Il Imaginaire de Lautréamont dix-neuf ans*, do haunt one. The back of the Mayor's coat are recent collages by Roland Penrose, funny and mischievous by turns.

Strongly tied to representation, of his weird kind, is Ken Kiff, who is showing in Cork Street a Nicola Jacobs gallery (until December 23). What he represents is a dream - or sometimes nightmare - world of his devising, in which dwarfs, giants, and all kinds of creatures, though sometimes the moments of beatitude transcend things out. A number of brilliantly coloured new pieces, as well as the violent charcoal drawings, seem to reflect on the role of woman in this world. Kiff may be an



Intermittently impressive: detail from Dalí's Naisance de l'ameublement paranoïaque

anthology of Twentieth-Century British Artists which holds out a decided promise for the future. The stated intention of the gallery is to find new talents but also to seek out admirable artists of senior generations who have somehow slipped from public consciousness, whether because of fashionable contradictions, the demands of teaching or personal problems of some kind. Any or all of these reasons might go to explain why we are not so aware as we might be of Kenneth Rowntree, represented by some crisp and elegant landscapes, or George Hooper, who appears on the drawings to have just moved into a period of dazzling Fauve colours, or Alfred Whitley, whose large painting *The Coral Necklace* connects between Spencer and Balbus (if you can imagine it), is perhaps the most striking single thing in the show. Among the newcomers Alan Lambirth, last year's Royal Academy Gold Medalist, seems like someone to look out for. As for the gallery itself, one can only wish it well, these hard times, and suggest you continue to watch this space.

John Russell Taylor

Imagination Hammersmith Odeon

The first surprise was the discovery that, although the members of Imagination may have black skins, they are not what is crudely known in the trade as a "black act"; their audience was solidly pink and white, with an average age of about 17 and a preponderance of shrill girls whose attention, it became apparent, was fixed as firmly on the cut of Lee John's satin shorts as on the easy sensuality of the songs - such as "Body Talk", "Just an Illusion" and "In the Heat of the Night" - that have kept the trio in the pop charts of Britain and Europe for the past couple of years. To these ears, Imagination's records are as convincing as any pop music on this side of the Atlantic: no "Made in Britain" tag peeps out above the collar. Indeed, the clever layering of

Pop music

electronic keyboards devised by their producers, Tony Swaine and Steve Jolley, is more suggestive of the sophisticated discotheques of Continental Europe; perhaps that explains why they are Caroline of Monaco's favourite group and why they do not find similar acceptance among young British Blacks. In any event, their show turned out to be rather impressive. A reputation for campiness and silly costumes proved only partly justified: the preening was consistently pricked by a self-aware humour, and the threads could not disguise either their highly developed musicianship (their drummer must surely be the first to have perfected a mimesis of the hard crash and machine-gun rattle of the fashionable percussion synthesizers) or their ability to make a four-bar bass pattern, a keyboard texture and a fragment of lyric evoke a mood. The lush slow-motion funk of "Body Talk" and "Music and Lights" were what most of us turned up to hear; built on keyboard bass, they did not disappoint a broader range as "In and Out of Love", which fused the funk with a reggae, but the newer material (from their current LP, *Schizophrenia*) indicated that they are now running out of commercial hooks. More positively, one was left with impressions of the versatility of Ashley Ingram, who performed well on electric piano, guitar and bass, of the surprising vocal flexibility of Lee John, and of the scarcely credible physical dexterity of the four young body-popping dancers whose routines were memorably showcased during one section of a show which worked hard to entertain and generally succeeded.

Richard Williams

Dennis Hackett

Both deaf and blind



How do you explain things to someone who is both deaf and blind? Life will be a constant struggle and most work will be quite impossible. Do you think that you could cope? The RNID's residential services have been expanded to include provision for deaf/blind youngsters and for deaf people who have been mentally ill. We also promote medical research and provide extensive scientific, technical, educational, welfare and information services. Will you help us? RNID. The Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

InterContemporain/Boulez Barbican

Midway through the Olivetti Webern Cycle, Pierre Boulez and his crack ensemble from Paris arrived to prove - to encouraging and enthusiastic audiences that it is perfectly possible to enjoy Webern, and very nearly possible to perform him. Scores so attenuated and finely tuned will always seem a little degraded when turned into the ruse of sound, but Boulez knows from the experience of a quarter-century how to make Webern's music spring to rhythmic life, and in his Ensemble InterContemporain he has players who can not only bring individual rarity and intensity to so many tiny phrases but also work together in breathing those phrases into larger patterns. Most spectacular, because most unexpected, was their success with the Concerto for horn, which normally sounds like a game of chess on a two-dimensional chess. On Sunday it was still a game, but one with more

important issues than mere patterns: there were wit, playfulness and a mosaique of desperate flitting across the musical surfaces. By the Quartet with saxophone of the same period seen on screen, perhaps because really needs to be done out a conductor; but in these mountain abstracts, the phony, was beautiful, one with solo strings to its fragility and sensuousness. Those were qualities of Phyllis Bryn-Julson's in both the ensemble's and concerts, during the of which she took on all the songs for voice and ensemble. One would have to be both a Brunilde and a Melisande to do justice to her, but Miss Bryn-Julson has the technique of singing a tender sigh that most requires. She was lovely pair of little Rilke songs one to his own word Webern did not publish hers because it speaks openly of his grief at the

expressed more obliquely in very much of his music. Of the later songs, one ought to feel more the splinters of glass in the penitential Five Canons with clarinets, but Miss Bryn-Julson's soft, intimate, wholly unworried naturalness in the wildly difficult Op 18 group rightly made them into a sweet hymn to the Virgin. Grief and piety: possibly these are things too personal for festivals, too touching to be experienced again and again as work follows work. But Webern is finding his public.

Paul Griffiths

Concerts

The Greek pianist Aleka Simeonidou laboured under severely disabling conditions in her recital at St James's Church in Piccadilly. For one thing, the acoustics is hopelessly resonant, blurring every musical detail. Worse, the resident piano sounds as though it has suffered all the torments of the average school hall instrument. It was not in tune, and possessed no perceivable subtlety or richness of colour. The tiny audience did nothing to help the atmosphere either. One might have been forgiven for thinking that one had stumbled across the funeral of a recluse. Under these trying circumstances, Miss Simeonidou played gamely. She was most successful in Beethoven's Piano Sonata in C minor, Op 111, engaging in the Arietta to keep the theme well to the fore, never complex Beethoven's

Debut

Stephen Pettitt

Ambassadors Theatre advertisement for 'SPECIAL OCCASIONS' featuring John Alderton and Jan Waters. The ad includes showtimes and contact information.

For horrific just read nasty

used to watch *The Day After* particularly qualified to comment upon it. I am one of those who has the habit of passing judgement, so as to know in advance such experiences I would rather not have. Nor am I alone. Shocking though it may seem to the enlightened, there are millions of people who, on no first-hand evidence whatsoever, have decided never to see a video nasty because these ignorant and prejudiced people may even be in the majority; at least I hope that they are.

The Day After is, by report, a particularly disgusting video nasty, larded with the moralizing cant that one must expect from people who let their thoughts dwell upon the image of human suffering. That it should have been banned goes without saying. There is no more excuse for displaying a realistic picture of nuclear catastrophe than for displaying a realistic picture of a pregnant woman being cut up with a chain saw, or a live child being slowly disembowelled by hungry cannibals. Those who have no ability to imagine such things will be shocked (and we must imagine the effects of nuclear war if we are to make wise political decisions) and nothing is more dangerous than to provoke mass hysteria in the literal-minded.

There is nothing human - not even death itself - that cannot be taken too seriously. And a person without imagination can take anything too seriously. His emotions, once deflected from the realities of daily existence, are out of his control, for imagination alone could permit him to control them. Where imagination is dead (imagine), fantasy triumphs. Fantasy consists in a morbid fascination with unrealities, which secretly transforms itself into a desire to make them real. Imagination is a form of intellectual control, which presents us with the image of unrealities in order that we should understand and feel distanced from them. In imagination we dominate; in fantasy we are dominated.

Anyone who wishes to know what pornography is - and *The Day After* is of course pornography - ought to study the distinction. When Dante takes his reader through the series of hell, what he describes is worse than any nuclear holocaust. He describes a world without hope, a world of ceaseless torment, unrelieved by unconsciousness or death. But Dante does not invite us to fantasize, to dwell morbidly on these images with the lustful hung of the masochist. He invites us to imagine the torments of hell, id, in imagining, to distance ourselves from what we read. We must work to extract his meaning, and the imaginary object which we discover through his verses excites us, not in control of ourselves, although we are moved, it is with calm and

Henry Stanhope puts the Kuwait bombings in a world perspective Kamikaze: is London at risk?

Yesterday's series of explosions in Kuwait has served only to deepen western concern over the latest weapon in the arsenal of terrorism. The kamikaze bomb truck, by itself, is not a new development. It is the reverberations of the tiny Gulf state just after President Reagan himself had warned the West of a force of 1,000 suicide killers which has been assembled in the Middle East.

American intelligence reports suggest that the suicide squads, recruited principally among Iranian extremists, have the American, British, Italian and French contingents of the Beirut peacekeeping force most clearly as their targets.

It is not beyond the bounds of possibility, however, that they could carry the campaign not only to the embassies and consulates of the four countries in the Middle East but to their capital cities.

In Washington, access to the White House has been further impeded by the introduction of concrete barriers and dirt-filled dumper trucks. According to one report, surface-to-air missiles are being installed nearby to protect Mr Reagan against any attack from the air.

The provision of a specific air defence screen for the White House has been the subject of speculation since 1974, when a stolen army helicopter landed on the lawn. The missiles referred to are probably the shoulder-fired Red-eye or Stinger. American counterparts to the Russian Sam-7, as always, Scotland Yard refuses, as always, to discuss counter-terrorist measures in London. It points out only that senior officers keep closely in touch with developments in terrorist tactics throughout the world. Attacks such as the kamikaze attacks presents the most alarming prospect so far to our anti-terrorist forces.

Kamikaze raids have confronted security forces with enormous difficulties since the Second World War when Japanese pilots, their bomb-bays packed with high explosive, dived on to the decks of allied warships in the Pacific.

In recent years the readiness of fanatics to die for their faith has been well evidenced in the Middle East and Northern Ireland - the hunger strikers for whom a lone martyrdom is largely sufficient to bring down a regime.

But even the most determined stopped short of suicide, relying on surprise attacks, placing British troops in the line with a car bomb, or to the scene by a car which he had held in his mate held ensure his cooperation.

As the attacks on American French peacekeeping troops in



After the October 23 kamikaze bomb, US marines in the rubble of Beirut headquarters

Beirut on October 23 that alerted western security experts to the devastating effect of a truck piled high with explosives, driven at speed through outer defences by men willing to die in the attack.

Precautions against the threat have been taken by a number of forces since then, conspicuously by the Israelis in southern Lebanon. Most of their bases there have now completely disappeared from view behind 20-ft walls of earth.

The Israelis have spent huge sums of man-hours trying to design, build and test their own attack-proof schemes. At least one could occur within a discovered national boundary.

booby-trap traps in occupied areas. Each vehicle outside the only Lebanon to be removed only after rigorous inspection of a driver's credentials. Elaborate schemes of concrete blocks impede the approach, making it impossible for the driver of a suicide vehicle to build up momentum.

Searchlights, barbed wire and sandbags, together with the construction of additional watchtowers, give the Israeli units the appearance of an army under siege.

Israeli experts say that the kamikaze attack at Tyre, which followed those against the American and French at Beirut, would have resulted in an even higher casualty toll than 61 had the driver been shot and the truck stopped a few yards short of its objective.

This is why the Egyptian army, at large, on early intervention, those at central installations several hundred miles from the main entrance.

been established for all their yards privately acknowledge they cannot hope to eliminate the threat entirely and their precautions are designed principally to reduce the risk of casualties.

US officials see the Rangoon bombing which killed several South Korean ministers as another example of the latest wave of international terrorism. Great attention is therefore being paid to the protection of US missions abroad - many of them housed in buildings constructed long before architects had to consider stringent security measures.

In Beirut, the American and French contingents in the multinational force have been daily improving their defences. Even as the American embassy in Kuwait was being devastated, US marines at Beirut airport were shoring up their new underground shelters, constructed out of long-abandoned Soviet container trucks.

Warnings of fresh attacks reach the French and American troops almost daily, sometimes passed on by their own embassies elsewhere in the Arab world, and sometimes coming from the Lebanese Deuxieme Bureau.

But despite a conviction by the

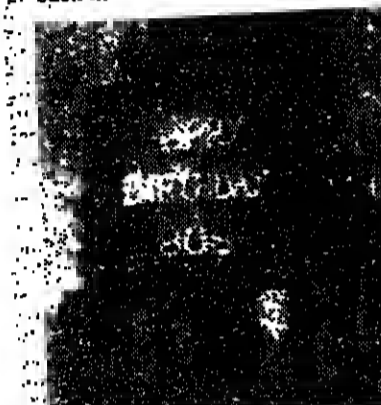
THE TIMES DIARY

By-the-way election

After the unruly goings-on last week at a meeting of Brent Council, Neil Kinnoch condemned the local rent-a-mob but also said: "My personal view is that if individuals have not sufficient sense of honour to put themselves before the electorate when they change their party allegiance, consideration must be given to introducing legislation which would make fresh elections mandatory." It is thought that he was referring to Mrs Ambrozie Neil, who switched from Labour to Conservative in Brent, and not to Mr Gordon Ley, who formally rejoined the Labour group on Lambeth Council two weeks ago. Mr Ley stood as an SDP candidate in 1982, after defecting from Labour. His return to the fold is unlikely to be marked by a by-election.

Never-never

The Bangkok branch of Chartered Bank is missing £3m - but has turned down an offer by an absconding clerk to return it. The clerk sent a telegram promising to pay it back in monthly instalments of £3,000 - interest-free. The bank pins its hopes of getting most of it back in one lump sum via Interpol.



In case you were unclear as to whose birthday Christmas is supposed to celebrate, Robert Maxwell's greetings card this year shows his home, Headington Hill Hall, against a firework-filled sky, against a legend, "Happy birthday Bob". Mr Maxwell turned 60 on June 10.

Hard lines

Tomorrow night, Channel 4 presents its Arts Review of 1983, presented by Melvyn Bragg. The items include a review of the Channel 4 arts programme, Davies, television review, a letter piece, in 'Broadcast' of drama and television, chief executive of Channel 4's commissioning editor, and the man responsible for commissioning *The Orchestra*.

Freeloading

The best thing that can happen to just about anywhere is to be designated a freeport. Thus labelled, a town can buy goods, turn them into something completely different, export them again and not pay any duty. Nor should it pay any duty. Government has received 45 applications from areas wishing to become freeports, and will decide in January which are to be among the lucky four or five chosen. In Scotland, competition is fierce between Prestwick and Aberdeen. Prestwick has waged a year-long campaign, but Aberdeen is coming up fast. 15 influential MPs breakfast at Burke's Club tomorrow, to make the occasion a whole lot cushier, is ferrying them there and back in a fleet of taxis.

BARRY FANTONI



Loose talk

It must be something to do with the time of year, all these examples of slightly slurred language landed on my desk on the same morning. From the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn: "The first Mass of the Sunday is held each Saturday of the Dining Room at 6.00 pm." From "Royal Shakespeare Restaurants": "This Company does not impose a SERVICE CHARGE as such; however the labour cost element is based at 15 per cent." From "Safety and Fire News": "In this subsection, the relevant building in the case of a building means that building, and in the case of a matter connected with a building, means the building with which the matter is connected." And from a firm of solicitors in Kent: "These offices will be closed from midday on Friday December 23 1983 until 9 am on Tuesday January 3 1984. In emergency matrimonial children and criminal matters telephone - . In case of death telephone - ."

Robert Fisk spells out the significance of tomorrow's talks at No 10

Men of the British peace-keeping contingent: their base has already come under one sustained attack by Muslim militiamen; now there are fears that heavy casualties are only a matter of time

But long before Mr Reagan announced his cooperation agreement with Israel or ordered the air raids, Mr Denis Healey was warning that the British should join in the effort to open America's eyes to the appalling dangers it is running and seek a settlement which is fair to the Muslim majority in Lebanon; and we should make clear, here and now, that if that fails, we are out - pronto.

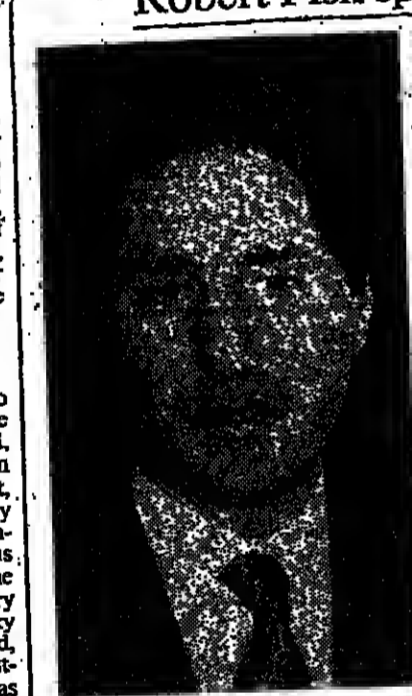
It is because of Mr Healey's constant criticism that President Gemayel has specifically asked to see him tomorrow as well as the Prime Minister and Mr Neil Kinnoch, the Labour leader. He fears, as well he might, that if the British do find some reason to depart - a new ceasefire, for example, or some preposterously optimistic statement from Washington - that the multinational force will fall apart, taking his government with it.

President Gemayel will not expect to be asked if his country is worth the risk to British lives - whether, indeed, it is worth saving - for an extremely generous measure of incredulity is now necessary in any serious discussion about Lebanon.

When Mrs Thatcher meets President Gemayel tomorrow, she will have to forget temporarily that he controls just five square miles of his country, a strip of his capital that would stretch only from Shorechitch to the Palace of Westminster, and pretend that Lebanon is still a country. Mr Gemayel will be treated as an honoured guest, even though he came to power in the wreckage of Israel's policy in Lebanon, a policy that originally aimed to place his ruthless brother Bashir in power and which has helped to set up to half of President Gemayel's people against him.

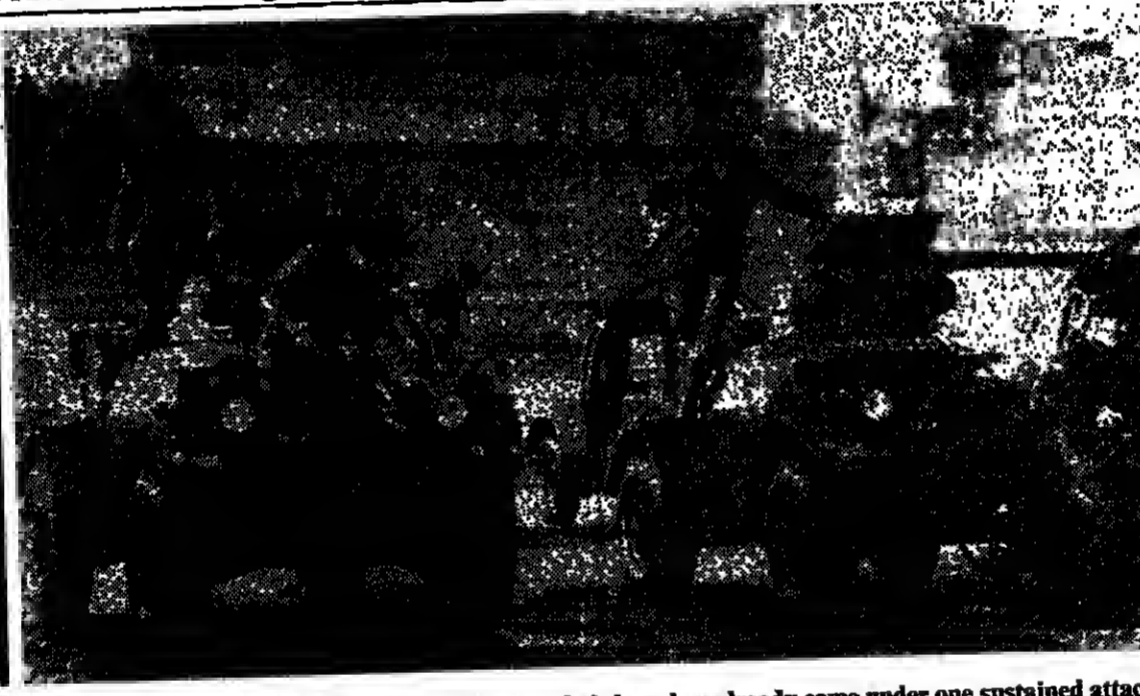
Mr Gemayel himself is an eminently nice man. He is shy, unsure of his English, and tries to say what he means. He really does believe in the concept of a united

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If the Lanceters go, so might Gemayel



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Tark Goyder

Taking concern into the classroom

The scene is an ancient Cambridge college; the actors alien of about 30; the occasion a union for the class of '71. Embodied by the munificence of the lege we seek out friendly faces I assess how their owners have fared.

Most of the m have not so much changed as sed. There are exceptions: up con a six-cylinder accountant who was to know that I care. And I remember him sitting cross legged on a floor, a vaguely Buddhist philosopher.

While individual career choices yield surprises, however, the aggregate is all too predictable. Banking, Whitehall, accountancy, the Bar - that appears to be the "Tinker Tailor" for the grudge man of the early 1970s. It is a depressing list.

The more cled the profession in its standstill rewards, the further it is to one - from the problems of a day life. We give the highest us to those jobs which make up the sophisticated, complex servants of a complex mme. The skill in masterminding the sale of company's shares valued far more than the skivvied in training and inspire technical apprentices on wh abilities depend the company's re-performance.

Consider the problem that confronts: high-status professional, barrister in chambers offers expedience to his clients, is guided by well-defined rules and precedents may have a strong personalist what he needs is an intimate vledge of his discipline and an ty to articulate it. The factory ager, wracked between irate cuters, adverse cash flow and a dralized workforce, needs all his hixbook knowledge, of course; what he needs far more is the ty of leadership that will enable to inspire new efforts from round him.

Sir-hael Edwardes is rightly admibeace he succeeded in moob all those around him to "turnnd" British Leyland. But who would, would any of my cotrainers be "turning round" in w years' time? They are app their skills to minute subions of a complex department-marrying the law as it stands to clients' best advantage. But fe them w stand aside and qn the usefulness of the n as they serve.

tax system is crying out for n. With honourable excep-tion the last people to recognize the

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THE GULF JUGULAR

Yesterday's six explosions in Kuwait are horrifying enough in themselves but the casualties they caused seem, in comparison to those of similar recent events in Lebanon, to have been almost mercifully light. In the circumstances the fact that they happened is less significant than the place where they happened. The primary message intended is clearly that, so long as the United States and France pursue their present policies in the Middle East, their representatives cannot expect to be safe anywhere in the area. The secondary message is that other Arab states beside Lebanon are vulnerable to terrorism and destabilization if they associate themselves with policies of which the perpetrators disapprove. A third message, if needed, might be that the West as a whole is vulnerable to events in the Persian Gulf. Indeed, its interests are much more directly and obviously at stake there than they are in Lebanon.

It is by now generally accepted that the suicide bombings in Lebanon - against the American embassy in Beirut last April, against the American and French contingents of the multinational force in October, and against the Israeli headquarters in Tyre on November 4 - are the work of Shiite extremists, inspired if not directly instigated by revolutionary Iran. A degree of Syrian complicity is widely assumed but not definitely proven.

The attack on the American Embassy in Kuwait was a suicide bombing, the other five incidents yesterday apparently not. There is perhaps a crumb of encouragement to be found there in as much as it suggests the supply of candidates for martyrdom is not absolutely unlimited. But one is enough to establish a strong presumption of some connexion between these events and those in Lebanon. On the other hand, in Kuwait the presumption of Syrian involvement is less strong (though there is certainly no reason to rule it out), while the Iranian connexion is much more obvious.

Kuwait needs no reminder of its vulnerability. In 1961 it narrowly, with some British help, escaped being swallowed by

Iraq, which regarded it much as Spain does Gibraltar, China Hongkong, or Guatemala Belize. Later Iraq renounced its claim to Kuwait proper, but there is still a dispute about the island of Bubiyan. Kuwait's rulers retain a sense of existing on sufferance. They have maintained their independence by observing scrupulously correct relations with Iraq, while cultivating as wide as possible a circle of friends so as to be sure of very strong diplomatic support in the event of any renewed Iraqi threat. Alone of the Arab Gulf states (excluding Iraq itself), Kuwait has diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

The outbreak of war between Iraq and Iran three years ago put Kuwait in an invidious position, to say the least. Kuwait has a land frontier with Iraq but is separated by only twenty miles or so of water from Iran. Prudence and Arab solidarity alike dictated a pro-Iraqi stand, but Kuwait certainly had no interest in becoming a co-belligerent against Iran. Lest she were in danger of forgetting this, occasional Iranian air strikes have been carried out, "by mistake", against her territory. And in addition to this straightforward military threat there is the internal one posed by the presence in Kuwait of a substantial Shiite population, with a propensity to display pin-ups of Ayatollah Khomeini in its houses and shops.

No one could accuse the Kuwaiti authorities of being impervious to this danger. They have been on the watch for any sign that Shiite religious feeling is turning into disloyalty to the (Sunni) ruling family. Where such hints have been detected, the concerned have been promptly either imprisoned or deported. Likewise illegal immigrants from Iran, arriving by boat under cover of darkness, have when caught, been promptly sent back. The existence of a underground, presumably Shiite, capable of mounting spectacular bomb attacks simultaneously in different parts of the city-state, must therefore have come as a severe shock. One response, that is clearly called for, is an overhaul of Kuwait's police and intelligence

services. Perhaps friendly powers with experience in dealing with terrorism - Britain in particular - could give some help.

Beyond this, the explosions in Kuwait remind us of the ever-present danger that the Iran-Iraq conflict may spread to the rest of the Gulf. There can be little doubt that the coupling of French with American targets has to do less with the role France is playing in Lebanon than with France's open partisanship on the side of Iraq, as well as her sponsorship of Iranian exile groups. Iran's most immediate fear, well publicised, is that Iraq will use French-supplied weapons to cut off Iran's oil exports through the Gulf (as Iran has long since done to Iraq's). Iran has threatened, should this happen, to see to it that no oil gets out of the Gulf from any source. This could be achieved, presumably, either by using Iranian airpower against oil installations in the Arab Gulf states or by blockading the Strait of Hormuz.

The present relative oil glut has made us a little blasé about such threats. Most industrial countries now have considerable reserve stocks of oil, and could not doubt weather a short interruption of Gulf supplies. But if the interruption were complete, and even assuming that non-Gulf producers increased their exports by four million barrels per day to make up part of the loss, it has been calculated there would be a shortfall of 4.8m barrels per day, equivalent to 11 or 12 per cent of present Free World demand - a much higher percentage than in the two previous oil crises of 1973 and 1979. Even if this had happened in 1982, when the oil-market was much more acutely overstocked than it is now, it would have sent the price of crude up to \$68 per barrel.

The threat posed by Iran is not to be taken lightly. The West has to be ready to meet it militarily if it comes to that. But the military scenario brings new and alarming risks with it. No diplomatic avenue for lowering tension in the area should be neglected. Things are not so bad, particularly in the Gulf, that they cannot still get a great deal worse.

NGA action boost to other media

From Mr Derek Nathan
Sir, I have been a devoted reader of The Times for many years and felt very deprived during the recent long period when it was not on sale. Now, however, I have a television set equipped with Ceefax and also a video tape recorder (VTR), and somehow the prospect of prolonged action by the NGA does not worry me as much as it used to. My situation is no doubt mirrored up and down the country, which boasts the highest ownership per head of VTRs in the world. It seems to me that the movement towards electronic information and opinion dissemination will be accelerated greatly should the NGA take national action. The electronic revolution is proceeding at a spanking pace without the additional boost that it would receive from this action. I have been associated with the print trade for many years and politically I am left of centre. The NGA have my sympathy, but I think their strategy is disastrous. Can the NGA leaders be so short sighted as to fail to realise that, whatever the merits of their case, a national strike at this point in the development of the media would knock the final support from under their precarious structure? Yours faithfully, DEREK M. NATHAN, 7 Cromford Way, New Malden, Surrey, December 9.

Importance of Delhi

From Dr J. Elfenbein
Sir, General Zia ul-Haq, like Martin King, has long had a dream - to sit down in tea with the Queen and thereby greatly enhance his own personal prestige as well as that of the military government in Pakistan which he heads. Someone should explain to Messrs Smith et al (December 5) that, far from accelerating a return to democracy there, the readmission of Pakistan to the Commonwealth now would have the effect of setting a seal on its present government and would certainly strengthen it. That may indeed be desirable, but it has nothing to do with democracy. Messrs Smith et al also conveniently forget that it was Bhutto's government, whatever its merits or demerits without doubt the most popular and democratic government Pakistan has ever had, which chose voluntarily to leave the Commonwealth in 1973. As for a plebiscite in Kashmir, that is precisely the issue which resolved Mrs Gandhi in 1981 to let it be known that she would veto any Pakistani application for reaccession to the Commonwealth. You cannot have it both ways and Mr Smith and his friends must really begin to do some homework. Yours faithfully, J. ELFENBEIN, Churchhill College, Cambridge, December 5.

MPs in the public eye

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)
Sir, The article by Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, in today's Times (December 8) on television in the Commons ignores the feelings of many members in the House - quite possibly majority if a vote was taken in a full House. The entry of the camera into the Chamber would utterly ruin the atmosphere there. Instead of the cut and thrust of intimate debate members would be conscious that they were speaking to the nation at large. Also, as television has to entertain, the cameras would be bound to seize on the dramatic incidents rather than the ordinary work of every day, and thus give a quite untrue picture of the whole. Members would be tempted to speak more often and at greater length to make sure that their constituents saw they were at work. Idiosyncrasies of manner or dress, male or female, would not go unnoticed. The prime debates among us would play even more to the gallery. I believe television in the Commons could turn out to be a nightmare. It would be quite different with the Lords - the measured tones of their speeches which already come over so well in broadcasting would be enhanced by the splendour and dignity of their Chamber. Furthermore they do not have any constituents to please. Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES, House of Commons, December 8.

Missile strategy

From Mr Christopher Meredith
Sir, Mr Brian Crozier's reply (December 1) to Mr David Watt's refreshingly realistic article, "The missile strategy that could misfire" (November 18) is mistaken or misleading in several important respects. It is demonstrably untrue that Soviet SS20s "are capable of destroying all Nato targets in one single strike". With an accuracy estimated at 400 to 750 metres (depending on whether it is fired from fully prepared permanent sites or from makeshift sites to which it might be moved in an emergency) the SS20 is in no way a "first strike weapon" capable of destroying Nato missiles in their hardened silos, protected communication and command centres, or other key military targets. In this vital respect it is at least 10 years behind the new American missiles - with accuracies estimated to around 50 metres or better, cruise and Pershing 2 missiles do possess a first strike capability.

Airbus pointer to future profit

From the President of the Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd
Sir, Must we catch the Airbus, asks Lord Bruce-Gardyne in The Times last Wednesday (December 7) and then go on to castigate the whole idea of so doing? The short answer to the question from those of us who want to see Britain's aerospace industry prosper is "Yes". Britain and France can now challenge the US dominance in the western world. The industry's contribution to the country's balance of trade has been enormous - with exports in excess of £200m over the last decade (at 1980 prices). The Prime Minister has said "the importance of the British aerospace industry to our economy cannot be overestimated". She is right. Aerospace is a high technology, high value added, and manpower intensive industry. It is through the exploitation of high technology that Britain's hopes for the future lie. Developing countries all over the world are rapidly moving into low technology fields in complete with us in our traditional markets. Many countries which, until a few years ago, had no aerospace capability have begun to make rapid headway in this industry. It is in the high technology sphere that Britain, France and the United States have established a marked superiority. Surely Lord Bruce-Gardyne cannot be suggesting that Britain should relinquish the lead which we now share, just when we have the opportunity to build our success and to press our advantage. The A320 project provides us with such an opportunity. It bears no comparison to Concord either in technological difficulty or in expense. The launch costs are spread over a number of years. Airbus Industrie has produced two fine airliners - the A300 and the smaller A310. These aircraft have established a worldwide reputation

for reliability and are popular with the travelling public. Together they have challenged the United States industry's monopoly as the supplier of large civil aircraft, a monopoly now increasingly concentrated on the Boeing Company, which cannot be in the advantage of the airlines or of the travelling public. The A320, an aircraft in the 150-seat class and smaller than the A300 and A310, is a natural step to broaden the company's product base. Some 4,000 airliners will be needed between now and 1995; the market should be dominated by Boeing and Airbus. The latter needs to sell only some 400 A320 aircraft to break even - this is not an impossible target. Now is therefore the time for strong leadership. Britain's stake in Europe's Airbus is important, not only to Rolls-Royce and to many aerospace equipment companies in the UK whose future - and therefore their ability to employ people - is dependent on the programme. Do we invest in aerospace and high technology for the future? Or are we ready to abandon our high technological heritage and the ability it gives us to increase our national wealth? Must we become dependent on the service industries alone? A320 is a challenge which industry is prepared to take and in which we are prepared to invest. We need some Government support to launch the programme, but we are confident that this will ultimately pay a dividend to the taxpayer. Surely we - Government and industry together - must face this challenge. Yours faithfully, PETER BATES, President, The Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd., 29 King Street, St James's SW1, December 12.

Case for tax cuts

From Mrs Cynthia MacCoby
Sir, Tim Congdon argues ("Economic commentary", December 1) that as long as the Government takes 42 per cent of GDP, claims on resources necessary to produce this amount must be removed from the private sector. He believes that if this is not done openly and honestly by taxation it will be done covertly and dishonestly through inflation, since borrowing from the banking system by the Government leads to an increase in the money stock and hence, he alleges, inevitably to an increase in inflation. This, by reducing the value of assets lent by the private sector to the Government, acts as a hidden tax. The only alternative, he asserts, is to drive up interest rates through sales of Government bonds; so "crowding out" private sector investment. This may be true when the GDP represents the production possibility limit of resources, ie, when there is full employment and all resources are being used, so that Government claims have to be reduced if private sector claims are to be increased. But GDP at present is at this level is an assumption made by Tim Congdon which he does not attempt to justify, despite the evidence of widespread unemployment of both human beings and machinery at the present time.

For example, the Financial Times reports (December 1) that lack of demand is considered to be the main constraint on output by 95 per cent of respondents in a recent CBI survey. Where substantial unemployment exists, reducing the claims of the private sector through high taxation merely leads to waste of the goods and services which could have been produced; to the condemnation of the dole queue of the workers willing to produce these goods and to buy them with the incomes earned; and to the destruction or forced sale at bargain prices of large sections of manufacturing industry. We should be grateful to Mr Congdon for thus laying open to view the fallacy underlying the current argument that tax cuts will only be possible if Government expenditure is reduced. It is thanks to this fallacy that we are suffering damage to the whole fabric of our society and to our future, through cuts in the health service, university research and in vital capital projects. We need tax cuts immediately in order to increase claims on resources so that our economy may be allowed to reach its full employment potential, now greatly increased through the exploitation of our oil wealth. Yours faithfully, CYNTHIA MACCODY, 115 Marlborough Road, Kew, Surrey, December 7.

Going it alone

From Group Captain P. W. Johnson
Sir, Mr Michael Heseltine, in his interview about cruise (feature, December 2), averred that "the important thing is what you do in the event of nuclear blackmail". You have, he believes, to "deter at any level of threat". Mr Enoch Powell (article, December 3) writes that Britain has not yet come to terms with the modern facts of geopolitics. He quotes one of two main reasons, the political and the European, which prevent us from perceiving the world from our own standpoint and not from that of others. If we put these two reasonable premises together, we should start looking at the world from a purely British standpoint and defending ourselves from the level of threat we then saw. We should quickly discover that there is no perceivable threat to, or likelihood of nuclear blackmail of Britain as a separate entity, independent of the European and American commitments we now undertake. Such a view would bring us naturally to consider an orientation of military non-alignment, outside the military confrontation of the two superpowers. Britain, no longer a great world power, but strongly defended in her own homeland, would then be reasonably safe from involvement in other people's quarrels. This standpoint is a long way

indeed from that of CND about which you were commenting in your leading article of December 5. It seems tragic indeed, however, that the deciding argument you mount against an armed neutrality "as applied by Sweden and Finland" is the implication that British society either could or would not undertake "the total commitment by every citizen to the nation's security" which you rightly say would be involved. I believe that the British, if offered this task, would accept it as willingly under modern conditions of "peace" as they have previously done in war. Yours faithfully, P. W. JOHNSON, Middle Corner Cottage, Hempton, Spelthorpe, Oxford, December 6.

Casting a cold eye

From Mrs Christine Percival
Sir, A propos Mr Levin's article of December 9, he should have had the nous to repair to a nearby pub, from where we were afforded an excellent view of the rest of the audience freezing to death on the pavement for over an hour. Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE PERCIVAL, Mayfield, Crown Lane, Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire, December 10.

of weapons in Europe that it is beyond all reason to pile up more (whether in the east or the west) in the vain belief that they add to security. The political and psychological damage done to Europe, both east and west, by this sorry exercise must far outweigh any supposed protection they afford us from Soviet blackmail. It is worth remembering that blackmail can operate in both directions. One result of the new missiles, the Pershing 2s in particular, has clearly been to increase Soviet fears (whether justified or otherwise scarcely matters) of a Nato "first strike". Even Mr Crozier would find it hard to argue that Soviet insecurity increases our security! Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER MEREDITH, Hon Secretary, Scientists Against Nuclear Arms, 112 Newport Road, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, December 1.

Archive service in uncertainty

From Mr H. Speak
Sir, I would like in add to the letter in your paper on December 6 expressing concern for the future of the Greater London Record Office, as yet undefined in the White Paper *Streamlining the Cities*. In West Yorkshire the future of our archive service is less certain. In 1974 many people like myself, with a lifelong interest in local history and the preservation of local records, were pleased when the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council established a county archive service with good conservation facilities to supplement existing services started by some of the former county boroughs. In 1982, on the initiative of the county council, the West Yorkshire Archive Service was set up. This is a joint service administered by a committee representing the county council and the five district councils. This service includes large collections of official records relating to the whole of the former West Riding, dating from the early seventeenth century. It also administers the fine collections of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in Leeds, many of which are rich in medieval Yorkshire records. Regular users of this service, like myself, would like to see this new joint service developed to deal with the large amount of rescue and other archive work waiting to be done in this county. The White Paper proposes that when the metropolitan county councils are abolished in 1986, archive powers will pass to the district councils, who are asked to cooperate to run archive services and see that historic collections are not broken up. In our joint service in West Yorkshire we have the framework for this cooperation; but without the county council, which now pays for over half the cost of the service and for all development, the district councils may not be able to maintain or develop it. The creation of so many separate joint boards for other county services, such as police, each with the power to levy a separate rate, is going to increase the cost of these services. If several local authority spending is controlled by the Government, as is proposed, this can only mean that other statutory district services, such as education, will suffer. In this context minor services, such as archives, which are now used and valued by a growing number of people, will be very vulnerable. Yours faithfully, H. SPEAK, 483 Leeds Road, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, December 9.

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Calke Abbey

From Mr M. S. Pearce
Sir, It does seem very shortsighted of the Government to persist in declining the generous offer of Mr Henry Harpur-Crewe to give Calke Abbey, and the land which supports it, to the nation. Twenty years ago Mr Lewis Wallach offered The Grange, Northampton, to the nation and it was declined. In 1975 it was taken into guardianship by the Department of the Environment after the contents had been dispersed and the interiors destroyed. Restoration of the remaining empty shell has just been completed by the department at a cost of some £600,000. Do we never learn? Yours faithfully, MICHAEL PEARCE, Chairman, Association of Conservation Officers, c/o The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire, December 8.

Church and remarriage

From the Venerable Dr R. D. Daunton-Fear
Sir, May we ask why, in all the discussions about the remarriage of divorcees in the Church of England, has not greater consideration been given to granting decrees of nullity of marriage? This would bring the Church of England in line with other ancient churches. It would also satisfy the conscience of many faithful clergy and laity. It would be more readily understood and allow for the Church's liturgy to be used. It would not involve more elaborate ecclesiastical machinery than the present proposals. Yours faithfully, R. D. DAUNTON-PEAR, Norwood, 22 Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, December 5.

A matter of title

From Dr Geoffrey Marshall
Sir, The Chairman of the Social Science Research Council says (December 9) that readers of The Times may like to know that he is going to concentrate on getting on with his job after changing the name of the Council. I expect that readers of The Times will be much relieved. But they may well wonder what was stopping him and his colleagues from concentrating on getting on with their jobs without changing the name of the Council. Since "Economic and Social Research Council" is an obvious solecism, and since there is no reason why the Social Science Research Council (or even the Privy Council) should dictate to social scientists what names or titles we use, let us simply ignore the council's faddish preferences and go on calling it the SSRC. There are more of us than them. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY MARSHALL, The Queen's College, Oxford, December 9.

GIFT HOUSE ON THE ROCK

Consultations between HMG and the Gibraltar Government on measures needed to support and sustain the Rock's economy with a closed dockyard and a closed frontier were concluded at the end of July. They were based upon detailed studies carried out on the spot and in depth by independent consultants funded by Britain. Two broad options emerged: the yard could either be handed over to the Gibraltar Government who would install a commercial operator to manage it, or it could stay under Ministry of Defence management, undertaking commercial work to pay for its retention. Under either option the yard would be available to the Nato navies for emergency repair work. Mrs Thatcher decided on the former for sound political, military and commercial reasons: the Gibraltar Government had hoped for the latter because it was less risky and would be more acceptable to the local unions (the majority of the work force belong to the TGWU). Nevertheless, the Gibraltar Government accepted the conversion package offered by HMG because its terms were both generous and sensible, and it knew its preferred solution was unacceptable in Whitehall. The package is generous in that it will cost the British taxpayer more than £50m (Chatham and Portsmouth got nothing); and it is sensible because an extra year has been allowed for the conversion of the yard, and a three year refit programme of Royal Fleet Auxiliaries is to be provided to help the work force familiarize themselves with commercial work. The £50m is made up of £28m for modification of the yard's facilities and to underwrite losses for the first two years; £14m is for the RFA refit programme; and the rest will be spent on moving defence installations off two valuable sites in the city to help in the development of the Rock's

tourism industry. The money is, however, dependent upon the work force accepting commercial working practices without which the yard could not be successful in the fiercely competitive ship repair world. However, the local unions, aided and abetted by the TGWU in London, are refusing to accept commercial management and working practices. There are undoubtedly risks in trying to break into the ship-repair market when work shipping is in the doldrums at the Gibraltar yard has a great deal going for it. It is compact and economic to operate, at the intersection of the world's north-south and east-west shipping lanes and at the entrance to the Mediterranean; and its work force is highly skilled and more disciplined than its local competitors. Given good management, a work force determined to achieve a competitive edge and naval work to cushion the transitional period, the risks are not judged by experts to be unreasonable. Indeed, the going could be fortuitously advantageous. Work on conversion of the yard should go a long way in mopping up the current unemployment among construction workers in Gibraltar; and it should be completed just as the export up-turn in the world's economy improves the ship-repair market. Those who are advising the Gibraltar Trade Council to resist commercialization, and the members of that Council should ask themselves whether they are being responsible. Under Mrs Thatcher's decision to close the dockyard will certainly not be reversed (the Gibraltar Government has done surprisingly well in a year's review); and the intention of Royal Naval management is equally unlikely (it could destroy any possibility of the yard becoming commercially viable in the longer term). Unfortunately diversification of the Rock's

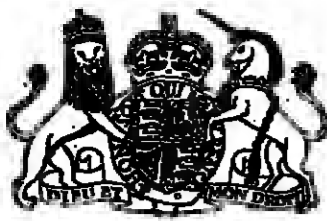
economy into other fields, like tourism, which have been closely studied, is impracticable as long as the frontier remains closed to tourists and vehicles. The hard fact is that there is no viable alternative. The five year conversion programme does reduce the risks of commercialization and provides opportunities for the Gibraltarians which would not have been nearly so generous if the frontier had been fully open. They would have been treated no differently from other British naval dockyard towns. The Gibraltar dockyard package honours Britain's commitment to sustain and support the Rock's economy for as long as Spanish restrictions last. It is the Gibraltarians' right to accept or reject it, but it must be said that much of the support that Gibraltar has always enjoyed on both sides of the House and in the country could evaporate if the package founders upon union intransigence. The Trades Council are making a grave mistake if they are pinning their hopes upon the strategic importance of the yard to Britain and NATO: it is only a desirable and not a militarily vital asset to the West. Spanish and Portuguese yards would be delighted to see a potential competitor eliminated. Sir Joshua Hassan's Government completes its four year term of office after Christmas. A general election is due between February and May 1984. The sooner the issue is put before the people of Gibraltar the better. The Rock is their home and it is up to them to decide between their Government's acceptance and the unions' rejection of the package. The British Government would, however, be wise to set a time limit on its offer. Some indication of the impatience will be evident today with the announcement of the first steps towards the dockyards closure. The local unions, and the TGWU, cannot say they have not been warned.

Unacceptable face

From Dr E. Clifford-Jones
Sir, When I retired from my post as consultant in the NHS, I resolved not to write to papers, but I am now impelled to break this decision. I have been settled in this area for some three months after many years' residence in Devon. As a Disraelian Tory, I find it odd that this Government should have

placed the Newcastle Council in the position of deciding between a rate rise of 40 per cent and already almost airborne rates alternatively cutting services by the loss of 1,300 jobs. I have to tell you that the services here well run, and the evidence of waste, and the steps are taken to keep the public informed. Finally, as a stranger to the area, I

have discovered that the overall impression may be summed up with a word in little usage by this present Government: I mean, of course, compassion. Yours faithfully, E. CLIFFORD-JONES, 25 South Ridge, Brunton Park, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, December 9.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 12: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards and 1st Dragoons) at Combermere Barracks, Windsor and received on arrival by the Colonel (General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick).

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Council of the Royal Warrant Holders Association at Marlborough Terrace, New Zealand House.

A memorial service for Keith Westwood will be held at noon today at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lionel Robinson will be held at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, W1, tomorrow at noon.

Birthdays today

The Agt Khan, 47; Lord Alexander of Colinton, 78; Sir Terence Beckett, 60; the Hon Sir George Bell, 84; General Arnold Brown (Salvation Army), 70; Lord Bullock, 69; Mr Glen Egan, 79; Dr Arthur Cooke, 71; Sir John Dean, 64; Mr John Francombe, 31; Dr Douglas Lano, 70; Professor W. H. McCrea, 79; Mr John Piper, CH, 80; Mr Christopher Plummer, 56; Sir Humphrey Prichard, 68; Mr George Schultz, 63; Professor G. D. Sims, 57; Major-General Sir David Thorne, 50; Sir Laurence van der Post, 71; General Sir Peter Whiteley, 61.

Duke takes another title
Award for the genial aristocrat

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent
The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, frequently described as Britain's largest landowner, will receive today the Countryside Commission and Country Landowners' Association annual joint award for the landowner who has done most to improve understanding between the urban and rural communities.



The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry and part of the Boughton estate

A large, relaxed, genial man, the duke has been confined to a wheelchair since a hunting accident some years ago, but he remains active in public affairs and in charitable work, and aims to spend about four months a year in each of his three country houses.

Disability and Rehabilitation. He strongly defends the concept of hereditary great estates, claiming that they are the best way of ensuring the survival of agricultural tenancies and that they provide employment for thousands of people.

Today's award, to be presented by Lord Carrington, concerns the management of Boughton, in Northamptonshire, which at 11,600 acres is the smallest of his three homes.

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Latest appointments

Mr Bruce Matthews was yesterday appointed managing director of News International plc, owners of The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and the News of the World.

Luncheons

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given at Carlton Gardens, yesterday in honour of the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, Mr Allan J. MacEachern.

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Advertisement for Charm him with JANNÉAU GRAND ARMAGNAC BR ANDY. Includes image of a bottle and text: 'When his sang froid proves too cool... Too good to keep to yourself.'

Science report: Caterpillar fails as a weedkiller. By Hugh Clayton. The Cinsabar Moth is best known in the form of a striped caterpillar which browses quickly in large numbers on ragwort plants.

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He was Colonel of the Black Watch from 1950 to 1952, and was ADC General to King George VI from 1948 to 1951. He was a member of the Royal Company of Archers, the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland.

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Advertisement for Sheraton Park Tower restaurant. Text: 'Have you lunched at the Trianon yet? The Trianon at the Sheraton Park Tower is one of London's most elegant restaurants and our new lunch-time menu will impress you.'

Large vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page, partially cut off. Includes text like 'FIN', 'GEO', 'Eagle', 'Investment fund for Lancashire'.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

GEC brings down less from the mountain

Lord Weinstock and Sir Kenneth Bood, the presiding pillars of GEC, can control many things, but they include neither interest rates, nor the foreign exchange value of sterling, nor (entirely) the forecast of brokers' analysts. It is hard to understand why stock market soothsayers foresaw, with almost deadly accuracy GEC's trading results for the six months to September 30 and yet failed to get anywhere near GEC's investment income for the same period.

This is doubly unfortunate: it proves, yet again, how far off beam even the most informed forecasts can turn out to be as brokers' forecasts tend to be the yardstick by which the market judges actual performance, share price movements, after the actual figures have been issued, may not be soundly based.

Not unreasonably, senior managers who have worked their insides out to produce good figures can feel bitter and twisted when mistaken City Cassandras seem to have more influence in the market than the results themselves.

GEC's pretax profits for the first half year are down from £291m to £285m. Though the interim dividend is raised from a penny to 1.15p a share, the shares immediately fell 19p, before closing 17p lower at 176p - a mere 2p above their year's low.

Profits from trading went up by £17m, a fair performance marred only by lower levels of deliveries of power-generation equipment (large steam and gas turbines) and of telecommunications equipment.

Deliveries of System X equipment to British Telecom should soon begin to make the running and, although the results will not be seen in the current year, GEC has picked up £50m worth of orders for power-generation equipment in the last few weeks.

The half-year figures are down simply because income earned on GEC's fabulous "cash mountain" is £23m lower than at September 30 last year. The mountain then yielded a return of 18 per cent.

This year so far, not only have interest rates fallen but the profit of converting dollar balances into sterling has shrunk. The return has been halved. By the end of GEC's 1982-83 financial year, the credit for currency conversion had grown to £32m.

The 1984 year-end figure will be nothing like that, but it should be better than the half-year figure might suggest.

Looking at the game at half-time, GEC is one-nil down and probably heading for a draw. As usual it is tight-tipped about what, if anything, it might do with all that cash (£1,477m at the last count), other than to continue to make the best return in the world's money and bond markets.

Eagle Star penny bazaar

The auction of Eagle Star is in danger of becoming a farce - a fate that no company of any status deserves. A mixture of pride and prejudice is threatening to take over.

The West German company Allianz Versicherungs, which has 30 per cent of Eagle Star and wanted to own 40 per cent, ought to recognize that it is not going to prevail over the rival bidder, BAT Industries.

By sensibly withdrawing it would earn points, a huge profit on its Eagle Star shares and stand a fair chance if it came back with an offer for another British company, its merchant banking advisers, Morgan Grenfell, would no doubt be pleased to act as an intermediary if Allianz revised its interest in Cornhill, which now resides in the BTR camp.

That, however, is not a line that yet commends itself to the proud and determined Allianz chairman, Dr Wolfgang Schieren. The Allianz management board meets in Munich today to approve "lifting its bid to 661p a share - just 1p more than the BAT offer. It will be doing this in order to comply with a Takeover Panel ruling yesterday that Allianz must meet a promise to top BAT's terms.

It is a technical move designed to put off the final decision making for as long as possible and does nothing for the German reputation for decisiveness. Both BAT and Allianz must make their final offer by

December 30 under City takeover rules. Both sides can play the same game, each jostling for position by raising their bids by 1p. That would be ludicrous.

BAT's merchant bank advisers, Lazard Brothers, intends to protest about Allianz's expected 661p a share bid in the strongest possible terms. It argues that the new bid will breach general principle No 5 of the Takeover Code, which says that any bidder must do its utmost to avoid creating a false market in the target company's shares.

There is growing pressure within the Allianz management board of the company to take its profit, with the "worker" members of the supervisory board (half its membership) wanting to see the money reinvested in Germany.

Moreover, Dr Schieren is said to be about to lose one of his most avid supporters - his finance manager, Dr Marcus Bierich. Dr Bierich has been a key, and constructive, figure in the sometimes bitter discussions between Allianz and Eagle over the past two years but he may be off to succeed Professor Hans Merkle, the grand old man of German industry, as head of the giant Bosch motor component group.

The Takeover Panel yesterday told Morgan Grenfell that it expected a full offer document by the end of the week.

Sensing that the action may end before the penny farce begins Eagle's share price yesterday dropped 15p to 697p.

Pound falls to record low as dollar's surge continues

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent, and Bailey Morris, Washington

Sterling fell further against the dollar yesterday as the United States currency forged ahead in the foreign exchange markets.

The pound remained fairly firm against other currencies, which also suffered from the apparently insatiable demand for dollars. At one point, sterling hit \$1.4285 before recovering slightly, but finished the day at \$1.4310, a record closing low and down 45 points from Friday.

Its trade-weighted value was only 0.1 lower on the day at 82.5 as it closed a shade firmer against the French franc but slightly easier against the German mark and the yen.

Foreign exchange markets reacted early in the day to the bombings in Kuwait by pushing the dollar ahead. The continuing worries about the United States budget deficit, the rapid

recovery in the economy and the impact these could have on American interest rates also lent support to the dollar, which broke new ground against both the mark and French franc.

Intervention by the German central bank as the dollar tested DM 2.7550 helped to stem its surge during the morning, but it still closed in London over $\frac{1}{2}$ pleming higher at DM 2.7540.

One dealer said yesterday: "It's difficult to see anything happening between now and the end of December which will weaken the dollar."

Another added: "Whichever way you turn it's very difficult to sell the dollar."

Although central bankers appear concerned about the continuing strength of the dollar, there is no sign that concerted intervention on the foreign exchanges is planned to try to prevent it rising.

Meanwhile, a Republican from Kansas openly defied the Reagan Administration yesterday by holding a series of Congressional hearings designed to focus national attention on the soaring budget deficits he fears will destroy the US recovery.

The three days of special hearings before Mr Robert Dole's Finance Committee opened as analysts predicted the dollar would continue to surge, largely because of the huge budget deficits which are fueling high interest rates.

White House officials had urged Mr Dole to put off the hearings until next year when the Administration will unveil its 1985 budget, which reportedly projects a deficit even higher than has been expected.

Privately, some of Mr Reagan's closest advisors have admitted that they now regard

the rising deficit of \$200 billion and more as Mr Reagan's economic Achilles' heel. The White House strategy has been to blame the deficits on free-spending Democrats in Congress.

But the strategy has begun to backfire as the national debate over the deficit grows more intense and powerful Republicans like Mr Dole insist on forcing the Administration to share the blame.

Mr Dole had urged the President to put aside party differences and approve a programme of modest tax increases and additional spending cuts before Congress recessed on 18 November for the year.

But Mr Reagan remained firm in his opposition to tax increases and restated his belief that the deficit problem will be cured by a stronger-than-expected recovery.

US fears hit index

The equity market's record-breaking run showed signs of running out of steam yesterday as the long three-week Christmas account got underway.

Opening on a firm note the FT Index continued to scale new heights, rising 3.4, at one stage, before closing 3.4 down at 753.7.

Fears of higher US interest rates and a disappointing start to trading on Wall Street affected sentiment with the latest bumper set of retail sales making little impression.

Dealers fear that now the festivities are under way turnover will continue to decline and prices will now be left to drift.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 753.7 down 3.4
FT 100: 82.51 down 0.26
FT All Share: 463.85 down 1.48

Bargains: 21.030
Daimler-Benz USM Leaders Index: 142.25
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1258.33 down 1.73

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 9,442.38 down 6.52
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 856.74 down 1.65
Amsterdam: 156.0 down 0.1
Sydney: AO Index: 743.8 up 8.0

Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index: 1016.3 up 2.0
Brussels: General Index: 131.68 up 0.71
Paris: CAC Index: 151.5 up 0.9
Zurich: SKA General: 306.80 up 0.30

CURRENCIES

STERLING
\$1.4310 down 45pts
DM 2.7540 up 0.1
DM 3.9425 up 0.0050
FF 12.0050 up 0.0125
Yen 338.75 down 0.75

DOLLAR
DM 130.4 up 0.2
DM 2.7540 up 0.0053
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling: \$1.4285
Dollar: DM 2.7525
INTERNATIONAL
ECU: 0.673129
SDR: 0.725922

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rate: 9%
Finance houses base rate: 9%
Discount market loans week fixed: 9%
3 month Interbank: 9.2-9.8

EURO-CURRENCY RATES:
3 month dollar 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 month DM 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 month FF 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ -12 $\frac{1}{2}$

US RATES:
Bank prime rate: 11.00
Fed funds: 9/2
Treasury long bond: 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ -100 $\frac{1}{4}$

EGGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 2 to December 31, 1983 inclusive: 9.350 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am \$390.90 pm \$391.25
close \$391.25-392 (€273.50-274)
New York (close): \$391.25
Kruggerand (per coin): \$403.50-405 (€282.25-283.25)
Sovereigns (new): \$391.50-92.50 (€64-64.75)
*Excludes VAT

Grim forecast on UK oil income

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

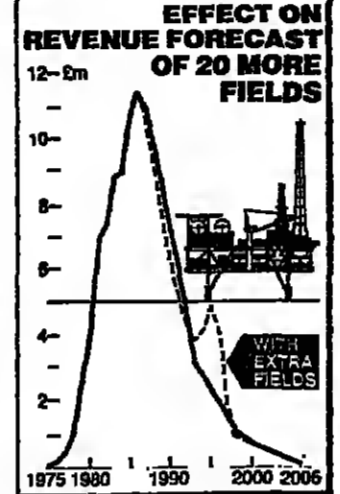
A savage decline in the Government's North Sea oil revenues in the 1990s looks inevitable, according to a critical report on oil taxation policy published yesterday by the independent Institute of Fiscal Studies.

If oil prices rise in line with inflation for the rest of this century, the Government's income from all commercial fields in the North Sea will decline from a peak of £1,000m in 1987 to less than £1,000m in the year 2000, the institute calculates.

This compares with the £2,000m to £9,000m that the Government will receive this financial year, and it reflects the sharp fall in output from the prolific early discoveries in the North Sea which had always been expected from 1990 onwards.

The institute adds that even high rises in oil prices or a sudden spate of new field developments is unlikely to have much effect on the steady revenue decline.

The study estimates that oil prices would have to rise in real



powerful boost to the development of new fields but they are extremely unlikely and would, in any case, cause such damage to the economy that they would outweigh the Government's need for revenues, according to authors, Mr Mike Devereux and Mr Nick Morris, research officers at the institute.

Because future fields will be much smaller and more economically marginal than the original discoveries, even the development of 20 new fields would have only a marginal impact on Government revenues this century.

The institute supports this gloomy prognosis with some criticisms of the way in which oil taxation has developed in this country. It says that the system has hit small marginal fields much harder than the more profitable developments.

The report proposes that the present system should be replaced by a simple system based on profitability and cash flow, rather than revenues.

North Sea Oil Taxation, by M. P. Devereux and C. N. Morris, Institute of Fiscal Studies, Woodhead Faulkner (Publishers) Ltd, Cambridge, Price £6.

RMC puts £20m into expansion

By Jeremy Warner

RMC Group, Britain's biggest ready-mixed concrete concern, is spending about £20m on acquisitions in France, the US and Britain.

The takeovers will provide a source of raw materials for the group's business in Britain and France and extend its American interests.

The stock market approved - and marked the shares up 8p to 397p yesterday despite the placing of 3.94 million shares to help pay for the purchases.

RMC is paying DM50m (£12.85m) to Rheinisch-Westfälische Kalkwerke of West Germany for a 65 per cent interest in its aggregates offshoot in France.

RMC already has 49 per cent of the West German parent which has been rationalizing its interest through sale and closure to concentrate on its original limestone extraction business.

The French company lost money last year and most of this year. It is expected to make a net profit next year.

RMC is also paying \$9.7m (£6.7m) for a 75 per cent interest in Metromont Materials Corporation in South Carolina.

Metromont, which is profitable, operates 12 ready-mixed concrete plants, seven concrete block plants and one concrete pipe plant.

Meanwhile, in Britain the group is paying £1.84m for farm land adjacent to its existing quarry at Hatfield in Hertfordshire.

Planning permission has been granted to develop the land for its sand and gravel deposits.

RMC appears to have secured its new reserves at Hatfield cheaply compared with the price that Tarmac has been paying.

Lloyds buys part of rescued bank

By Our Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank is expanding in Germany by buying part of Schroeder, Munchmeyer, Hengst and Co. (SMH), the private German bank which was rescued last month, for an undisclosed sum.

Lloyds is buying about DM1.4 billion (£355m) of assets under the deal, comprising parts of SMH's commercial banking business and all its investment banking activities.

Excluded from the deal are any of SMH's loans to IBH, the huge building machinery group or Wibau, a machinery company in which IBH has a stake.

It was these loans, estimated at about DM900m, which precipitated the rescue of SMH by a group of West German banks at the beginning of last month.

The West German banks are believed to have extended about DM1 billion of aid to SMH and since the rescue the bank has been administered by a committee formed by the West German Banking Association.

Yesterday, Herr Wolfgang Peteret, the court-appointed receiver for IBH, said he expected the company would soon move into bankruptcy.

Lloyds already has five branches in Germany, but the acquisition of parts of SMH, which also includes its Luxembourg operations, will roughly double its assets in Germany.

Mr David Pirrie, a general manager of Lloyds, said the commercial banking side was complementary to the group's existing German activities and the deal would also bring Lloyds into stockbroking and portfolio management.

Dow recovers early losses

New York (AP Dow-Jones) - Stocks were mostly lower in early trading but some losses were reduced.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down about two points recovering from an early drop of more than 3%.

Declines held a 705-to-670 edge over advances in moderately active trading.

Mr Michael Metz, vice president of Oppenheimer & Co. said: "The stock market is behaving fairly well considering the interest rate background. It can't attract much new money now because of the high interest rates."

International Business Machines was up 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 122 $\frac{1}{2}$; General Motors up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 75 $\frac{1}{2}$; Eastman Kodak up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 74 $\frac{1}{2}$; Val up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 35 $\frac{1}{2}$; Norfolk Southern up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 63 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Amex faces profit fall of \$50m

By Philip Robinson

Net profits of American Express will fall by about \$50m (£35m) to \$31m this year, making it the first profits drop for a decade. It follows a \$230m injection of cash into its property liability insurance arm, Fireman's Fund.

A shake-up of top management at the Fireman's Fund was also announced last night.

American Express is one of the world's largest travel and financial services groups. It takes in international banking services, insurance, investment advice and the famous charge card used by 15 million holders.

Increased and higher claims mean that its Fireman's Fund subsidiary will make a loss in the final quarter of the year, although it will be profitable for the year as a whole.

In New York, American Express share price hit a low for the year of \$28 $\frac{1}{2}$ per share. The price has come down this year from almost \$50 a share.

The problems have been caused by additional reserves being needed for meeting claims on workers' compensation and property liability.

Last October American Express reported a less than 11 per cent increase in third-quarter earnings as a result of a 25 per cent drop in the earnings of its insurance subsidiary.

Earlier this month it announced 10 per cent job cuts among 13,000 workers at Fireman's Fund. The group said 300 jobs in the property liability operations were being cut immediately and a further 1,200 jobs would go next year. In the third-quarter Fireman's Fund earnings fell to \$46m.

As a result, net income for American Express are expected to fall sharply from \$581m.

Last month, American Express was poised to make one of the world's largest corporate takeovers, offering its stock in a \$1 billion deal for the Allichang Corporation. It was called off just a month after the first announcement.

In London, Amex has just paid £28m for Peninsular House in Monument Street.

Investment fund for Lancashire

Mr David Trippier, the minister for small businesses, has given his backing to a new community-based investment fund which will invest £500,000 in local firms in North-east Lancashire.

The Valleys of Enterprise Trust Fund, which is part of the Business Expansion Scheme, will be run by local businessmen who draw no salary for their work. Investors will pay through the management charges of an administrative charge.

Charterhouse Group and Electra Risk Capital have linked up with a publicly-quoted company, Pineapple Dance Studios, for its first venture under the Business Expansion Scheme. Pineapple has formed a subsidiary, Pineapple Ken-sington, in which Charterhouse will take a 40 per cent stake and Electra a 35 per cent stake. Charterhouse has paid £251,000 for its stake and Electra £220,000. The remaining 25 per cent will be held by Pineapple.

The Department of Trade has presented petitions for the compulsory winding up of Cavalier Insurance and Universal Guarantee Insurance Agency, after discovering that the two companies were not authorized to offer extended guarantee insurances to policyholders.

Norex Corp. has agreed to acquire the privately-held investment banking firm Van Kampen Merritt for \$150m (£105m) in cash, term and convertible notes, plus a contingent payment of up to \$68m based on earnings for the next three years.

Mr John Elliott, an Australian entrepreneur, yesterday raised a toast in Foster's lager after his company gained control of the brewers of Australia's most famous beer in the country's largest takeover deal. Mr Elliott, managing director of Elders DLJ, said his company now held more than 50 per cent of Carlton and United Breweries after spending more than \$A480m

Property groups back in £300m merger talks

By Jonathan Clare

The £300m merger of Slough Estates, Allnatt London Properties and Guildhall Property is back on after a surprise announcement yesterday that the three companies were talking again. An official announcement of the terms of the deal is expected today.

Talks between the three property companies were called off just over two weeks ago. Allnatt and Guildhall, which are run by the same principal shareholders and directors, are believed to have decided to reapproach Slough and accept its terms for the merger rather than stick to the higher price they had originally demanded.

Both Allnatt and Guildhall asked for their shares to be suspended, but Slough did not, which strengthened the belief that the other two had reapproached Slough. However, Slough was adamant yesterday that the deal would be a merger and not a takeover.

A straightforward merger would be advantageous to Slough because it would reduce the discount to net assets at which its shares trade. But any issue of Slough shares to acquire the earnings per share through this is likely to be insubstantial on the terms Slough wants.

The belief among City circles that the merger will be on Slough's terms was reflected in the share price which ended the day down only 3p at 119p.

The two main directors of Allnatt and Guildhall, Mr Leslie Smith and Mr Ronald Diggins, are said to be anxious to stand down. Mr Diggins is also on the Slough board.

A successful merger would create a property company with a portfolio worth about £700m and a market value of almost £300m. Slough's portfolio alone is worth about £500m.

Mr Godfrey Messervy, chairman of Lucas Industries, told yesterday's annual meeting that the company must continue to shed labour if it is to remain competitive. In 1982, the group reduced its British workforce by nearly 4,000 to 45,300.

Minister seeks further \$100m towards \$6.5 billion new money target

Brazil appeals for Middle East loan

By John Lawless

Brazil's Planning Minister, Senhor Antonio Delfim Netto, is on a tour of the Middle East, urging bankers to join the \$6.5 billion (£4.3m) new money loan to his country.

He left Bahrain yesterday after a visit to the United Arab Emirates, and was thought to be heading for Jeddah. After Saudi Arabia, where he is due to meet senior ministers and central bank officials, he is likely to visit Kuwait.

The Middle East is the only region, outside Latin America, that is still showing substantial resistance to new lending.

New York banker who is coordinating the loan arrangements said yesterday: "We are looking for another \$100m from there, having so far managed to



Antonio Delfim Netto: Plea to bankers

secure promises of only about \$70m.

"Every dollar is important at this stage, given that many of the commitments from elsewhere in the world are contin-

gent upon the full \$6.5 billion being in place, from 100 per cent of the banks."

The new money total yesterday stood at \$6.22 billion, from 420 banks. Although coordinate banks were still claiming that they have yet to hear from about 200 small banks, others began to question whether this figure might be a scare tactic.

One London banker said: "There are many subsidiaries included in that figure, perhaps five belonging to one bank. That has inflated the total still outstanding."

He added: "The major non-US banks are adamant that they will not raise bridging finance by the end of the year if the full amount is not there."

Brazil, under those circumstances, would only be able to take the existing commitments

in place - and allow the rescue deal to continue into next year - if it guaranteed to make what arrears payment is can in "an even-handed" way. In other words, American banks must not be favoured with payments.

If Brazil could not do that, either old loans would temporarily have to be put on a non-performing basis, or the US banks would have to raise bridging finance on their own.

"The big banks feel very strongly about this," he said, pointing out that several of those still to commit themselves are regional US banks.

There can be no under-estimating, therefore, how important Senhor Delfim Netto's Middle East tour has become. Apart from the two large banks, International and the Arab Banking Corporation, there are still plenty of smaller banks there holding back.

Whitecroft

We acquired the London-based builders merchants group, M. Wiseport Ltd in October 1983. This acquisition will be of considerable benefit to the building supplies division, providing better access to the more buoyant markets in the south-east of the country, and is expected to make profits of at least £700,000 per annum.

The lighting companies made further progress, with a significant profit contribution from Simplex Lighting Ltd which was acquired a year ago.

In property development, we expect to benefit shortly from the first major transactions in our commercial development programme.

The Whitecroft group is more firmly based to generate growth than for many years and this will be reflected in the outcome for the year as a whole.

Interim results	Half year ended 30 September 1983	Half year ended 30 September 1982	Year ended 31 March 1983
Turnover	£43,700+ 9%	£40,018	£84,304
Profit before taxation	£2,744+13%	£2,425	£5,304
Earnings per share	10.3p+25%	8.2p	18.5p
Dividends per share	2.0p+21%	1.65p	5.4p

Whitecroft plc

Textiles, building supplies, lighting, property development

A copy of the interim report may be obtained from: The Secretary Whitecroft plc, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5BX

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

Mr Gerald Ronson has decided to cash in some of the big profits he made from his abortive bid for the UDS Group...

Ronson raises £15m

Shares of UBM Group, the builders' merchant, climbed 4p to 126p after Saturday's article in the Times suggesting the group might soon be the target of another bid from a third party...

There was speculative support for the big banks. Bank of Scotland rose 13p to 69 1/2p, after 700p, while among the merchant banks Hill Samuel was up to a new high of 34 1/2p on hopes of a bid from the US.

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Advertisement for Dobson's Scotch Whisky, featuring the text 'Dobson's drop in' and 'BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S'.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK

Dobson Park contains drop in profits to £1m

What props up the share price of Dobson Park Industries, the coal mining engineers, is a 10.8 yield on a price of 70p and a maintained dividend of 5.21p, despite three years of falling profits.



John Martin: outlets for manufacturers

Martin The Newsagent

That is of little consolation to a company that has seen its pretax profit margins more than halved in five years and its fully taxed earnings per share cut by just as much.

Nevertheless, Dobson has done well to contain the drop down from £9m to £8m pretax for the year ended October on a turnover reduced from £182.6m to £169.3m.

Gearing has sensibly been held down. Acquisitions in the current year should be valued at half the spent in the last fiscal year, £12m, but even then the gearing level should still be no higher than 15 per cent by the year-end, according to Mr Graham Edwards, the finance director.

Incorporating the £1.44m profits of FSW, acquired last May, helped profits at a crucial time and further acquisitions should do the same this year.

But the real problems do not lie in Britain, where any upturn will have a dramatic effect on profitability, but abroad.

In the seven main overseas areas in which Dobson Park operates, it showed losses in six and the one which did contribute, India, made only £205,000.

Europe and North America recorded the sharpest downturn with combined losses increasing to almost £2m from £660,000. Dobson hopes to have both countries breaking even by the end of this year, but that could be over optimistic.

The West German subsidiary makes aircraft-towing equipment and mining vehicles, under a boom area. The United States has seen its coal mining industry slump by over 30 per cent and a turnaround there will have to be substantial before the mining companies begin buying new equipment.

The company is basing its main hope on a continued improvement from power tools - a loss of £538,000 turned into a £1.7m profit - to help curb the sharp drop in mining supplies profits, which more than halved to £3.3m.

Shareholders would be unwise to expect improved profits in the current period, but a maintained dividend and a high yield coupled with sensible financial policies should see the group maintain an even keel until the expected improvement in 1985.

Sandwiches, coffee and computers are available at Martin's Newsagent as it widens its product range to incorporate whatever will make a profit.

Martin's policy is similar to that of Sketchley, the cleaning group, which cuts keys and repairs shoes at its high street shops.

Mr John Martin, chairman, supports vertical integration to the extent that within five years his group, founded on selling newspapers and magazines, still about 35 per cent of business, could be offering manufacturers immediate outlets in the high street.

Therefore, the staff must be trained to sell a wide range of goods offered by the chain and this is being handled by Mr Bill Mitchell, formerly of ASDA group who is the new personnel director.

Martin's traditional businesses are declining. Tobacco market volume, for instance, has fallen another 4 per cent over the year and newspapers 2 per cent.

The last national newspaper dispute, over a weekend and one Monday, cost the group £120,000 at the operating profit level and the absence of papers on a Sunday cut that day's turnover by 50 per cent.

The market was surprised by the performance for the year, particularly after the poor half. Sales rose 10.3 per cent to £141.6m from £128m, while pretax profits were only marginally lower, from £3.6m to £3.4m.

Scramble for £200m Egyptian contracts

John Lawless The Egyptians are to announce four contracts in the next few weeks - worth more than £200m, and all involving British companies - to rehabilitate Cairo's crumbling sewers.

To squeeze the lowest possible price from those bidding, the Egyptians allowed a Dutch auction to proceed well after tenders received for the first contract.

Five companies bid a year ago to supply mechanical and engineering equipment for the Al Ameria pumping station. Mather and Platt came in with the lowest offer. The other four contenders - Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering, NEI, Capper Neill and GEC - then sought to revise their bids.

NEI came out lowest, but GEC then sent a letter offering to shave another £250,000 off its price. It has just been given a letter of intent, which is still being ratified, at £11.84m against its original bid of about £15m.

If the Egyptians go for the lowest bids so far, Lilly Construction will build 4,900 metres of sewer tunnels between Souk el Sarak and Abdeen, having tendered at £E106m (£88.3m).

A consortium of Tarmac, Cementation, Balfour Beatty and Edmund Nutall will undertake tunnels Souk el Sarak with America, and in particular a 4,000-metre main sewer (at £E119m).

The British guaranteed at least £150m worth of work.

Meggitt looks for acquisitions

Philip Robinson A shareholder's meeting four days after Christmas should signal an attempt to revitalize the former sleepy engineering company Meggitt Holdings.

Behind the attempt are Mr Ken Coates and Mr Nigel McCorkill. Both were senior directors of Flight Refuelling during a period when that company's turnover rose more than five-fold and the group's profits rose at an even faster rate.

Following Meggitt Shareholders' approval, Mr Coates and Mr McCorkill will emerge with about 5 per cent each of Meggitt, the two are being backed by Investors in Industry (IiI) which will take a maximum 20 per cent stake as a result of underwriting a 30p per share rights issue.

Meggitt's share price, 38p at one stage this year, has soared to 101p and closed last night at 93p. The activity has inspired share rises in another engineering group, Hampson Industries. Its share price more than doubled this year and currently stands at 18p on speculation that the reshaped Meggitt will be looking for acquisitions.

Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas Express millionaire game sets rivals on the chase

Twelve weeks ago, Fleet Street was in the first flush of millionaire madness, following the launch of the Daily Express Millionaires Club promotion.

The Express's offer of the biggest prize in newspaper history - £1m - spurred its rivals into feverish editorial activity as they decided whether to respond with similar prizes.

The Sun launched a "Live like a millionaire for a day" competition and the Daily Mirror ran a series on the pools millionaires, while the Mail - the Express's most direct competitor and arch rival - initially confined itself to a promotional slogan saying: "The odds are better in the Mail a reference to the huge odds against anyone actually winning the million-pound prize."

As it turned out, the Mail was soon to become the only paper to respond directly to the Express initiative with a competition offering readers the chance to win more than £1m in four different games. The Sun and the Mirror continued with their existing bingo and jackpot promotions, offering smaller prizes.

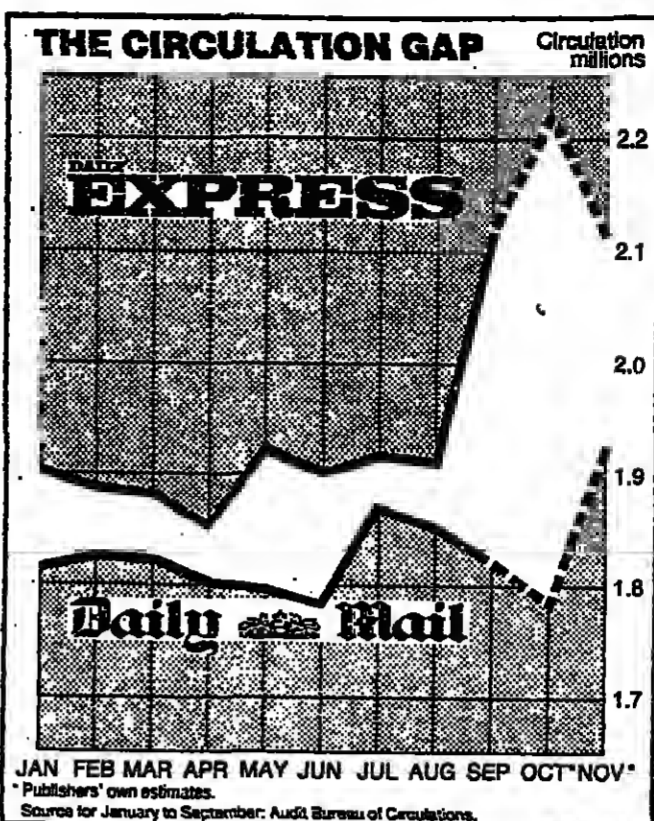
Twelve weeks on, with sales figures for October and November now available, there is no doubt that the Millionaires Club has scored a big success for the Daily Express. Sales in November, according to the paper's own estimate, were 2,115,000, some 11 per cent up on the figure for August, before the promotion started.

"It has gone better than we dared hope," Mr Nick Shott, assistant managing director of Express Newspapers, says. "It has proved to be a far more powerful promotion for the paper than bingo ever was, both in terms of the initial sales gains and in the retention of those sales."

The initial impact of the Millionaires Club was remarkable. On September 19, the day of the promotion, the Express achieved an extra sale of 300,000 or 15 per cent, which was acknowledged by its rivals as the best figure ever seen on the first day of such a promotion.

The boom did not end there. At one point, sales reached 2,350,000, almost 450,000 up on the August circulation figure. "By October, the first full month after the Millionaires Club started, we estimate we sold an average of 2,222,000 copies - and the month began two weeks after the game started, which means the initial huge gains had started to settle down", Mr Shott says. "That was our peak monthly sale - 312,000 up on the August figure, an increase of 16 per cent. In November we were 205,000 up on August - or 11 per cent - and I think that is remarkable after 10 weeks of a promotion."

"This has virtually rewritten the marketing textbooks for newspapers. If one takes an



Source: Publishers' own estimates. Audit Bureau of Circulations.

other form of promotion, a serialized book, which we often use for the Sunday Express, most publishers would expect an initial sales increase of 4 or 5 per cent and they would be happy normally to hold on to a fifth of that.

"We have had an initial monthly sales increase of 16 per cent and so far we have held on to two-thirds of it."

Rival publishers acknowledge that the promotion has been a success, but point out the enormous cost of the exercise, estimated by some at £35m, by others at more. "We made a conscious decision not to react to the Millionaires Club", Mr Roger Bowes, deputy chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers, says.

"It would have been throwing money down the drain to try to follow it. The Express appears to have held on to 200,000 extra sales - though it is still going down - but you have to look at it in terms of their expenditure. It is a horrendous amount, but they may justify it on the grounds that they have a new editor and a new paper which is now being sampled by extra readers," Mr Bowes adds.

Express Newspapers does justify it on those grounds - it is generally accepted that though promotions like this can generate immediate sales, it is the quality of the paper itself that determines whether those readers stay. However, the company also justifies it in straight profit terms.

"Before we started, we worked out what increase in circulation would be necessary to cover the cost of the promotion within 26 weeks",

because the Mail recorded a figure of only 1,778,000 in October, despite the fact that it was on October 24 that its own Millionaires' Mail promotion started.

In November, however, the Mail estimates its sale was 1,926,000, its highest November figure for two years. "The peak sales increase was 220,000 and we are holding on to about half of that," Mr Earle says. "The promotion has been comparatively successful in that it has helped us reduce the gap again."

What effect has this million-pound activity had on the rest of the popular press? Basing judgments on month-by-month sales figures is always difficult, because there is a seasonal decline in newspaper sales at this time of the year, but according to Mr Bruce Matthews, managing director of The Sun and The News of the World, the overall market seems to have grown as a result of the promotions: the Express and Mail gains have not simply been at the expense of their competitors.

"Between August and November last year, sales of the Sun, Star, Mirror, Express and Mail dropped in total by 154,000 - and that is a seasonal decline that is expected. This year, between August and November the overall sales went up by 132,000, so most of the sales they have put on are extra readers. The Sun's sales drop this year was virtually the same as last year - 36,000 against 31,000 - so it does not appear to have affected us at all."

Just how many of these extra copies will be retained by the Express and the Mail remains to be seen but Mr Shott believes the Express has now shed most of the readers it is going to lose. "The drop has slowed right down and we are 12 weeks into the promotion, so we think we will hold most of our extra sale now."

Much will depend, now that the initial excitement is over, on how much prize money is won. So far, the Mail and the Express are roughly equal on big winners. The Express had three £100,000 winners within its first week and has had two more since, but the Mail has produced the biggest winner, with a £250,000 payout - the biggest single prize in newspaper history. On each of these occasions promoted with television advertisements, sales rose again.

It has not escaped anyone's notice however, that the "millionaires" games have yet to produce a million-pound winner and the Express is showing signs of desperation to find one. While this has not as once feared - reduced the impact of the competitions, there is little doubt that if one of the papers did pull off a million-pound win, the excitement could start all over again.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON COMMODITY PRICES, COPPER HIGH GRADE, LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET, LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES, and WHEAT and BARLEY prices.

WALL STREET

Table of Wall Street stock prices for various companies including AMF Inc, Allied Chem, Allied Signal, and others.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Hazewood Foods Year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £1.1m (£755,000) Stated earnings 13.5p (10p) Turnover £21.5m (£13.1m) Nat interim dividend 4.75p (4p)

Wast's Group International Half-year to 2.10.83 Pretax profit £268,000 (£126,000) Stated earnings 7.5p (loss 2.5p) Turnover £27.8m (£28.1m) Nat interim dividend 2.5p (nil)

Leigh Interests Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £304,000 (loss £127,000) Stated earnings 1.5p (loss 2.4p) Turnover £15.5m (£13.9m) Nat interim dividend 0.75p (0.5p)

Table of Base Lending Rates for various banks including ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, and others.

The General Electric Company plc Interim Report

The unaudited results for the six months ended 30th September 1983 are:

Summary financial table showing Profit before taxation, Estimated taxation, Minority Interests, Earnings per share, and Lower levels of deliveries of power generation and main exchange telecommunications equipment.

Lower levels of deliveries of power generation and main exchange telecommunications equipment detracted from an otherwise generally satisfactory increase in sales: the value of order books was 8 per cent higher than at September 1982.

The directors have declared an interim dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 1.15p (1982, 1p) per share payable on 31st March 1984 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 16th February 1984.

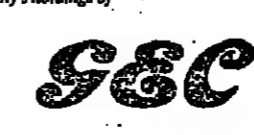
Group breakdowns of Turnover and Profit: United Kingdom Power Engineering, Industrial, Electronics, Automation and Telecommunications, Components, Cables and Wire, Consumer Products, Associated Companies.

Overseas: Europe, The Americas, Australasia, Asia, Africa, Associated Companies.

Other Activities and Items: Interest Receivable less Payable, and Investment Income.

Sales to customers excluding inter-Group and associated companies.

There were no material revaluation adjustments in the six months of the Company's holdings of foreign currencies (1982, credit of 17 million).



People/Bernard Panton of Telecomputing

Free beer from a software gamble

By Roger Woolnough
In the places where computer users gather, the talk is often of the applications backlog. There are more people with a need for computing than a data-processing department can handle...



A home PC Christmas in Japan

The attempt to achieve compatibility between home computers look a step forward at the Japan Electronics Show in Osaka, when machines using the MSX operating system were shown by nine manufacturers...

decisions in line with market demand. One of the country's largest hotel groups, Landor's, which offers specialist weekend packages for bird watchers, raccoons and steam enthusiasts is moving into modern technology in the New Year...

Software galore will be demonstrated, puzzles, games, home utilities and educational packages. A new information package for the Commodore 64 machine will be shown by Precision Software...

Two new packages aimed at micro owners who grow proud sitting at their keyboards, are both based on dietary programs. Penguin is selling a package consisting of the top-selling 'Plan Diet' paperback...

THE TIMES National Computer Competition

Early in the New Year, following the success of The Times Classroom Computer Competition, which has attracted thousands of entries, Computer Horizons will be launching a national competition...

Mark and Julian win the eleventh competition

Two boys, aged 17 and 11 years, are the winners of The Times Classroom Computer eleventh competition. They are Mark Inskip of Blythe Bridge High School, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent and Julian Foad of Farnham Common Middle School, Farnham Common, Bucks.

associations or enter as individuals, will be required to provide a proposal in no more than 1,000 words for judging on a regional basis. Ten regional winners, with runners-up, will be selected and the ten winners take part next Easter in a national final at the London Computer Festival...



JULIAN FOAD (above) has had a Spectrum since last Christmas, and is now working on a computerised control system for his model train layout. He has also written the inevitable games. His latest is a skiing game, Slalom. His school has one RML machine, which was bought by the PTA...

The answers were 1) A; 2) B; 3) B; 4) A; 5) A. The winners will both receive an Atari 600XL computer for their schools, and a personal gift of The Times Atlas of World History.



learned Basic and Machine Code programming. He has a computer studies 'O' level, and hopes to study electrical or computer Engineering when he leaves school. His computer teacher, Mrs C. Wood, uses RML 3802s in the computer room, where two are linked into a network of sixteen terminals. There are 120 pupils taking the computer studies course at 'O' or 'CSE' levels.

Women lagging behind the men

The UK lags about 18 months behind the US in the user application of new products for data processing but the gap in terms of computer jobs may be bigger.

A recent extensive survey of US software workers shows where the UK industry should be in about two years' time. One of the most important discoveries of the survey, which is partly mirrored in similar surveys in the UK, is that job satisfaction has little to do with pay levels.

But, at the same time, the survey shows that when all the factors of education and position within the hierarchies of software workers are taken into account women will get only 59% of the pay men get.

The picture of the typical software worker that emerges is that he is male, aged around 32, white and had 16 years in school. The average salary for all those software workers who do not have management responsibilities is \$26,300. Supervisors have a \$32,000 average, middle managers \$34,000 and upper level managers on the software side \$62,000.

The job prospects in software work has almost completely bypassed America's large black population, the investigators report, while the racial minority that is most highly represented in the small proportion of minorities is Chinese.

JOB SCENE

Richard Sharpe

The research has been undertaken by Dr Philip Kraft, professor of sociology at the State University of New York, and Steven Duboff, study director at the Centre for Survey Research, University of Massachusetts.

In their report on the survey findings, Kraft and Duboff state: 'Our study confirms a widely-held perception that women have established a significant presence on software work: 24% of the software workforce is female... Software jobs promise to remain open to women. About equal numbers of women and men entered the field in the two years immediately preceding our study, 1980-1981.'

The discrepancies between the levels of pay for the amount of managerial content to the job undermines an important conventional wisdom in the industry. 'In spite of the talk about the financial rewards available to scarce technical specialists in software work, as in the rest of the corporate world, the rewards go to managers, not to technicians, engineers or scientists.'

'With respect to gender, if generalists are rewarded with higher pay than specialists, then the generalists tend to be men while the specialists tend to be women. In programming, we have often found any evidence of a strong relationship between technical skill and high pay.'

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New world of the video goodies

By Jacquetta Megarry
A new British videodisc system from Thorn EMI Videodisc is presented to the EPIC third annual Interactive Technology Briefing by Peter Morley, its programme director. Far away from the high technology hustle of the conference, five primary teachers were being introduced to the VHD machines they are about to use in their classrooms...

Science series. Although these were developed for videodisc, they were also transmitted in conventional 'linear' form by Channel Four at 4.30 pm. Audience reaction from parents, children and teachers was enthusiastic.

Very little is known about what makes good interactive video, however, and Thorn EMI looks on the materials as experimental. The free loan of the equipment and disc seems motivated more by professional interest than any commercial or marketing expectation.

The level of interaction built into the programmes is comparatively modest, a reference section provides the equivalent of a random-access animated 'visual encyclopedia. However, using the optional computer interface (E95) it should be possible to control the disc through the Centronics interface using any suitable micro-computer and simple BASIC

print statements. Two of the schools have BBC Microcomputers, and although certain refinements like superimposing computer text and graphics on to video pictures would require a special chip which is not yet available, the possibilities stemming from this hardware combination are very wide.

Thorn EMI has also announced the AHD system with four digital channels which can store many combinations of computer data, still pictures or sound. VHD and AHD can be combined on a single disc, and the functions are available on the same player. There are immense possibilities in such a flexible system.

However, the real barrier to progress in educational interactive video has hitherto not been restriction in hardware capability so much as a total absence of suitable discs to experiment with. This results from the twin barriers of the costs of designing

and producing video material suitable for interactive use, and also the cost and commitment to a particular company involved in a disc mastering and pressing.

In the VHD system, which is cheaper than most, disc mastering cost £1,750 per 60-minute disc excluding video production and prior editing, pressing is £23 per disc at the minimum level of 10 discs. Discs are incompatible with optical discs like LaserVision, though the VHD system has the advantage that it can cope with both UK and US colour video standards (PAL and NTSC). The VHD players cost £395 each.

The five junior schools are in various parts of inner and outer London and have been chosen to give a spread. Teachers have been recruited individually, including two head teachers, two class teachers and one peripatetic teacher. The programmes on the disc are 'Electric Universe', 'Fantastic Power of Air' and 'Air at Work' (25 minutes each).

There is also a longer natural science documentary called 'Mysteries of the Great Whales'. The programmes are aimed at 9 to 11-year-olds, and the teachers will have considerable latitude in deciding how to use them.

The project is in three phases. Phase One began last week when the teachers were introduced to the equipment and took it home to experiment with. Then they will draw up plans for its integration into their normal curriculum practical, giving a rationale for their decisions.

This will form the basis of a 'negotiated agreement to proceed' with the directors of the project. Procedures for systematic monitoring and final evaluation procedure will be included in the plans for the next stage.

Under phase two, for around two months early next year, teachers will have the equipment in their schools and use it in line with their plans. The NELP/SEH project team will visit the schools from time to time to observe and discuss its uses with the teachers.

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Instant research from computerized Hansard

Short cuts at the Commons

News that the text of the House of Commons Hansard is now stored on computer (*The Times*, December 8) will be very welcome to those who daily pore through Hansard looking for items relating to particular topics of interest.

COMPUTER WEEK

Frank Brown

Instead of hours of tedious painstaking research, the computer can do the searching for them in a matter of seconds at the press of a few keys on the terminal keyboard.

The new service is being offered by Scicon, the computer services company owned by IEP, as part of the external Polis (Parliamentary On-Line Information System) service Scicon runs on behalf of the House of Commons services committee.

Polis is a computerized information-retrieval system which provides users with index details on any subject covered in parliamentary papers, including Hansard, on-line.

The system was developed by Scicon for the Commons' Library to enable the library to provide a rapid service for helping MPs find information among the plethora of publications produced as a result of parliamentary business. It was described in *Computer Horizons* on February 8.

The new service enables terminal users to key in Polis search words relating to the topics they are interested in, obtain a list of index references where the topics are mentioned in the Hansard text, and then display the appropriate text for each reference.

The text stored in the database is as up to date as the publication of Hansard itself.

there being a day's delay between a given session and the Hansard report on that session being entered into the computer. Coverage is confined to proceedings in the Chamber of the House of Commons, because at present these are the only proceedings at Westminster which are produced in computer-readable form. The Hansard text stored covers the present session of Parliament, ie, from June 22 this year.

Analysis of Polis enquiries has shown that the majority relate to the proceedings over the previous 12 months. Scicon therefore plans to extend the coverage of the new service back to the start of the last session of the last Parliament, ie, November, 1982.

There are no plans to go back further than this at present, because the demand for such information is likely to be small. Indeed, with the high cost of storing one session's proceedings (about 150 million characters of information) the company originally planned to restrict coverage to the current and previous sessions, and to discard Hansard reports more than twelve months old at the beginning of each new session.

The cost of storing data is falling, however, and with the possibility of low-cost methods of high volume data storage

becoming commercially available next year, the company is likely to retain stored Hansard information indefinitely.

The new service is unlikely to reduce the number of subscriptions to Hansard, because subscribers will still want to have copies in their libraries.

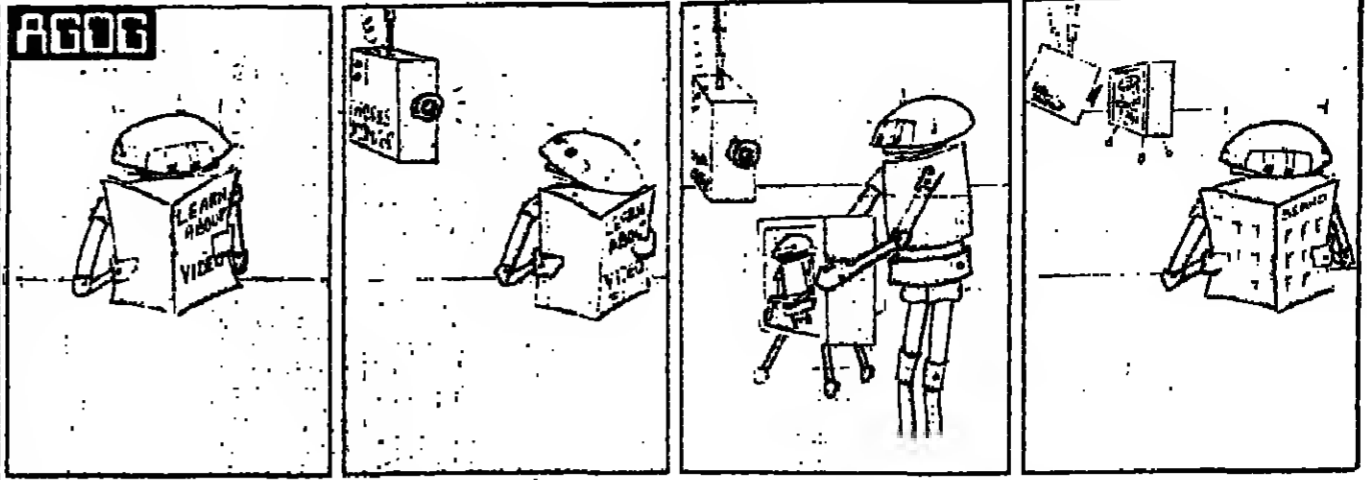
The service is mainly aimed at people who do not have ready

access to copies of Hansard, according to Michael Bonbury, manager of Scicon's information systems. "It saves them the time and effort of going to the nearest library and looking through them for items of information on a particular subject."

"It also enables them to be aware of events in Parliament of interest to them much earlier than they would do otherwise. Many organizations circulate a single copy through one or more departments. Thus, some readers may not see a particular issue until some days or weeks after it is published."

Another reason why the service is unlikely to affect subscriptions to Hansard is the cost of using the service, which is geared to periodic referencing, rather than large-scale text extraction. An annual subscription for Hansard daily by post costs £260. To access the Scicon's Hansard service involves becoming a Polis subscriber, which means an investment of up to £3,500 or more in terminal equipment if you do not have the equipment already, and paying a Polis access charge of £55 an hour (92p a minute) plus 20p per Hansard column accessed.

There is also the cost of the call in Scicon's computer in Milton Keynes. Access can be via telephone line, which can be at local call rates from London and Manchester as well as Milton Keynes, or via any British Telecom PSS data communications node of which there are about 20 throughout the country.



FO planning for electronic mail

By Maggie McLeone

If the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency gives the go-ahead, the Foreign Office intends to install about 1,500 microcomputers in its UK departments over the next three years, and up to 200 larger systems overseas. Most of the London-based machines (1,400) will form an internal electronic mail service, with the remaining 100 used to run a personal application for the combined FCO and ODA staff of 9,000. Overseas, the FCO plans to supply consulates with administrative and commercial systems, and has already started the operation in the US and West Germany. Provisionally estimated to cost between £5-10 million, the FOLIOS (Foreign Office London Integrated Office System) electronic office network is the largest undertaking. It is envisaged as a distributed system

with information "nodes" based on micros with hard disk storage in 80 departments linked by an electronic mail service run on a central processor. Individual workstations would have word processing, electronic filing, and computerized diaries and telephone directories, plus the ability to send messages anywhere in the network.

The FCO has to deal with large quantities of text, much of which arrives in telegrams, and all of it has to be handled quickly. Although external communications are advanced, the internal system is extremely slow, with documents taking up to three weeks to complete circulation, and FOLIOS is intended to speed up the flow and cut down the costs involved. "The FCO Communications

Division has a project for message handling and this will eventually be linked up the FOLIOS," explained Mr Adrian Thorpe, head of Information Technology. "We aim to recoup the cost of the system over 10 years from savings on material costs, such as the production of about 10 million photocopies a year and the subsequent shredding of classified documents."

Although the FCO originally considered this type of system as early as 1969, no suitable computer equipment was then available, so the idea was shelved until 1981, when Paniel was commissioned to carry out a strategic study. Paniel reported the results in 1982 and the FCO is now following the recommendations made, working with software house Logica to produce a full study for submission to the CCTA in

January. Procurement is then likely to take place by the end of 1984, with systems being installed during 1985/6.

Mr Thorpe is working closely with the Civil Service unions, and says that so far they have shown a "positive attitude and great enthusiasm". The FCO has set up a dummy system to help clarify requirements expressed by three steering committees representing a wide cross-section of potential users, and a further 700 or so staff have visited the simulated electronic office voluntarily to give their comments.

A similar approach has been taken to the Staff Records System (known as STARS), and the Overseas Programme. The FCO personnel department is experimenting with ICL's Personnel 20 package running on DRS 20s, as a pilot exercise.

All the fun of the micro stocking, maths included

With only another eleven shopping days to go, here are a few more suggestions for the micro-stocking, writes Geoffrey Ellis.

Two new Learn Basic packages for users of the Spectrum and Dragon contain a step-by-step book, supported by two cassettes with exercises and programs illustrating the points made in the book. From Logic 3, at £12.95.

Another name new to the games market is Mogul, division of the video company. It has launched 13 games for all of the popular home machines. They range from arcade games such as Creator's Revenge for the Commodore 64, Super Trek for the Oric, 64 and Vic20, to a classic adventure pack taking more than six hours to solve.

There is a new database available for the Spectrum: Data Genie, comes from Audiogenic and it uses the "pop up" menu style of the more expensive Magpie system. This one sells at a modest £9.95.

Another goodie from Audiogenic is a graphics tablet for the Commodore 64. This consists of a tablet and stylus, disk-based

software and instruction manual. It enables the user to create high quality illustrations with commands like brush option, colour palette, and the built-in selection of pre-formed shapes. This comes at around £90.

New home user book titles include the Penguin Computing Book, a substantial paperback of 450 pages by Susan Curran and Ray Curnow, which starts with an historical look at the subject, goes on through various aspects of the technology, deals with the different languages, and ends with various applications. It sells at £5.95.

Other titles more useful in an instant way are those which carry listings and routines. Representative of these are Winning Games on the Vic 20, a selection of all the old faithfuls, distributed by John Wiley at £5.95.

If you feel that there should be more to micros than game playing, then *Maths+Computers=Fun*, by Geoffrey Childs at £6.25, should solve your dilemma. It is full of listings to help brighten up learning at a number of levels.

UK events

Your Computer Christmas Fair, Wembley Conference Centre, December 15-18. Which Computer? Show, NEC, Birmingham, January 17-20. Northern Home Entertainment Show, Excelsior Hotel, Manchester Airport, January 19-22. Acorn Education Exhibition, Central Hall, Westminster, January 25-27. Statindex 84, Earls Court, London, January 28th - 1st January. Peripherals Suppliers, Cunard

International, January 31-Feb 2. Communications & Computer Systems Fair - CABLES, Pontin's, Prestatyn, Wales, February 2-4. LET 84, Heathrow Penta Hotel, February 13-15. International Home Computers, Heathrow Penta Hotel, February 13-15. Information Technology & Office Automation Exhibition and Conference, Barbican Centre, London EC1 February 21-24. OSM Only Conference, Hilton Hotel, London W1, March 7. Compiled by Personal Computer News.

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Qadir teases and torments as he opens the door to victory for Pakistan

From Ian Brayshaw, Adelaide

The sinewy fingers and supple wrists of Abdul Qadir are poised to turn the key that opens the door to a Pakistan victory in the third Test against Australia at the Adelaide Oval. With one day's play remaining in this see-saw contest Australia, in a dogged second innings effort still trail Pakistan by 25 runs, with eight wickets in hand.

Qadir, who humbled Australia by taking 22 wickets in three Tests when the two countries met on the sub-continent last year, was busily weaving a web among the Australian batsmen after being brought into the attack in the 13th over of the innings.

He was quick to seize on worn marks on the pitch outside the off stump to get the ball fizz and jump alarmingly. Australia began the innings 159 in arrears, lost their first-innings century maker Westcott for two in the third over, consolidated for a time with Phillips and Yallop and then faced the full attacking thrust of Qadir.

In his second over he removed Yallop, to a splendid bowling catch by Miandad and, following through to a second wicket, proceeded to tease and torment Phillips and Hughes.

It must be pointed out that this has been a disappointing tour so far for Qadir. In the first Test in Perth he had figures of 1-112, in the second at Brisbane he returned 3-121 and in the first innings of this match he had just one wicket for 96 runs.

But he did take a seven-wicket haul in the second innings of the game against South Australia in this ground and he was almost bursting at the seams with enthusiasm when he was thrown the ball to start his stint.

All of a sudden he was looping and landing his deliveries with control and accuracy, clearly that he has the ability to win this game for Pakistan and level the series with just the Melbourne and



Qadir: made ball fizz

Sydney Tests to go over Christmas and the New Year. Pakistan have done remarkably well to get back into this game so strongly. After conceding the honours to Australia on the first day, they batted magnificently on the second and third to be on the threshold of a huge advantage.

The long and patient stand between Miandad and Salim continued purposefully yesterday morning. The Australians plugged away, without ever really catching the eye or earning the plaudits for inventiveness, and a wicketless first session really turned the game in Pakistan's favour. Then, shortly before the new ball was bowled, spinner Hogan claimed Salim to end the partnership at 186. A record for the fifth wicket for Pakistan against Australia. It had been a grand performance by the young Salim to post a patient 77. He arrived in Adelaide from Sydney two days before the game began.

As for Miandad, his innings got out of first gear quite handsomely yesterday and he went on to score 131, his century in all Tests and his fourth against Australia.

The dismissal of Salim sparked a small mop-up job by the Australians and when the

innings ended that last six wickets had added just 67 runs to a mammoth total. The architect of that was the veteran Lillee, who claimed the wickets of Sarfaraz, Qadir, Bari and Azam in the space of 18 deliveries to take his career tally of Test wickets to 342.

It was the 23rd time the world record holder had taken five or more wickets in a Test match and the seventh time he had bagged six in an innings. He made light of this 34 years old and sent down 50.2 overs, just nipping away at the off stump.

While Pakistan's hopes rest in the hands of Phillip (48) and Hughes (27). To make a Test safe, one of the batsmen must score. What a flip it would be for the series if Pakistan were to emerge winners after lacklustre performances in the opening two encounters. Maybe it was the threat of an unhappy homecoming which spurred the Pakistanis on to greater heights in this game.

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After 12 years the Jarrow march is going from strength to strength

Why Cram will not sell himself down river of too many returns

The youngsters peering into the runners' hotel on the morning of last month's Gateshead international cross-country races missed their best-kept secret when a Sunderland supporter wove his way through them from behind, and came into the foyer. Steve Cram was on the way to his regular home fixture, via his regular bus, and he was during his seasonal rest, so he doesn't get asked by the local organizers to turn out on a course that is unsuitable for his long legs.

"I ran it once, years ago, and finished fifth in the boys' race - never again." Cram may have found it hard to negotiate the muddy, switchback course beside the Tyne estuary, but that is probably the only place where he has a sense of balance has collected the European, Commonwealth and world 1500 metres titles, and he is the long-range favourite to pick up the fourth ace at the Los Angeles Olympics next August.

Cram does not completely eschew cross-country - the staple diet of the British club runner. He even turned out in the English national, that steepled of 2,000, when he found out just before the race last March that there was out a hill on the course. That high-stepping, yet languorous stride took him to twenty-eighth position, and drew the appropriate comment from one club official - "like a thoroughbred".

Cram carries the patriotic air off the track too. The slender frame, the aureole of curling blond hair complemented by a certain reserve, diffidence in response to questions, perhaps a little shy of all the attention. And there's been plenty of that recently. Cram has spent the last two months handing out as many prizes as he has received. In between regular hops down to London for awards, he has been in big demand locally at schools, homes and sports clubs since his victory in Helsinki in August.

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Another success behind him, Cram reflects on the way ahead

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Memorable win

The succession of engagements has probably kept his weight down during the five-week rest from running that he took shortly after his memorable win over Steve Overt at the Cote Meeting. Last year, when he stayed for a holiday in Australia following the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, he put on a stone inside a month.

"He's at some function, but honestly couldn't tell you where," said his mother on the phone in the hybrid Geordie accent which still retains traces of her native German. Nor could he remember all the functions when he turned up at the hotel on time, "except that I've been to at least one every day this week".

The diary and the memory wanted to beat him again the following Saturday. He wanted to ease himself back into competition in the Brampton to Carlisle 10 miles road race, but he forgot that he had agreed to open a children's fête. The children did not go disappointed. This Saturday will not be double-booked though. It's his wedding day for Cram and Karen Waters, whom he's known since childhood.

Cram is being specially careful about how he capitalises on his success in this new era for athletics, which is professional for all but name. It will be all too easy for athletes to sell themselves down the river of too many returns, like the tennis players have done with a little help from management groups. "I haven't got an agent or a manager, because I've always been dead against that sort of thing. I haven't gone into the market place to sell myself. I don't want athletics to become second to anything else".

Instead, he listens to offers, rejects them or says "maybe", then consults an accountant in London who advises him. There is something coming up next month, just before he leaves for six weeks training and racing in Australia. He has just accepted a sponsorship from Vaux Breweries for an "undisclosed sum", to set up training camps for young athletes in the north-east. But he was quick to emphasize that it did not involve television adverts, or being linked with the company's product, which might seem like a waste of a lot of distance runners, who ingest their valuable carbohydrates from pint glasses.

A Tyne Tees Television documentary on Cram, to be screened this Monday, December 19, almost certainly a disaster movie with a grainy strain and a pirouette off a early summer. It seems something of a miracle that Cram could miss 10 weeks of training and still win the world championships another six weeks later. But at 23, he is at that stage of his

career, still on the way in a sport that means so much to him, that he can almost will himself to stay fit throughout injury.

"I'm convinced, in our business so much of it is just about confidence. I mean, we all traip up to a certain level anyway. Once you do that amount of training, anything beyond that becomes almost insignificant. It must be, because I can't explain away having missed nearly 10 weeks of running, then coming out and having a season like that".

He pays tribute to Jimmy Hedley - "the centrepiece of Jarrow and Hebburn AC" - the man who has coached Cram since he was 11, and who now serves "as a great motivator". It is easy to see how he does that. Hedley says "I like winning, everybody likes a winner". Hedley is a vibrant man in his late fifties, whose face suffuses with enthusiasm as he builds up a verbal sprint. "He wasn't strong when he was a youngster, but Steven's got it all now".

Real talent

No amount of coaching will turn a donkey into a Derby winner. Nor is there any one coaching system or schedule that works any better than another. Each system has its adherents and champions, and in the end it is probably the relationship between the coach and athlete that counts more.

The meeting of real talent and inspirational coaching is so rare that no coach can count on more than one really successful athlete in a lifetime. Some of Cram's most famous middle distance predecessors are testimony to that. Herh Elliott and Perry Ceruty, Peter Snell and Arthur Lydiard, Sebastian Coe and his father.

But it is a finite teaching process. They agree that Cram virtually coaches himself nowadays - "I'd be worried if he couldn't". Hedley said. "He says the right thing at the right time." Cram says, "I find it incredible that so many international athletes, if their coach told them to jump off the Tyne Bridge, they would. They're not prepared to think for themselves. For

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HOCKEY

Self likely to try another gamble

From Sydney Friskin, Hongkong

At one of the leading hotels in this overcrowded colony, the man in room 826 was busy with his daily sums. Roger Self, the manager of the Great Britain team was working out the best possible combination to beat Malaysia in the crucial match today in group B of the ten nations tournament.

On Sunday Self took a gamble which almost paid off. He put Ian Stewart, a former captain of Britain's attack against Pakistan knowing that after his recent knee operation his mobility had been slightly impaired. Still, Stewart took his chance to put Britain 2-1 ahead and came within inches of making this lead 3-1. Unfortunately Britain lost a good match by 6-3.

For today's match Self is likely to gamble again by trying Kerry in the forward line and bringing back Hughes as a half back. Hughes came on as a substitute for Weston in Sunday's match and brought some stability to a defence which had in one bright spell by Pakistan been knocked off balance.

The British team were in the winds yesterday watching Malaysia beat China 3-0. China gave Malaysia a hard time and held them to a blank first half. Their resistance was finally broken yesterday when Kevin Nunn scored the first of Malaysia's three goals. Weston, who scored the second from a short corner and Michael Chiew converted a late penalty stroke to give the Malaysians a clear margin of victory which they had earlier seemed likely to obtain.

Today's match will decide whether Britain or Malaysia will accompany Pakistan into the semi-finals. Pakistan, having won all three matches are at the top of the table with six points. Malaysia have played two matches and won both whereas Britain have played only one.

In the other group Japan who defeated Hongkong 7-3 yesterday are on level full points from two matches, but they are almost certain to be topped from their pedestal by Australia whom they meet today. The most likely outcome in this group is that Australia will finish first and India second.

Pakistan who gave four of their leading players - Shahid Ali Khan, Hassan Sardar, Ishfaq and Mansoor Hussain a rest, will play a match in Seoul today against Korea whom they defeated 5-1.

RESULTS Group A: Japan 7, Hongkong 3, Group Malaysia 3, China 0, Pakistan 5, South Korea 1.

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Rule Britannic Assurance

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

In future the county championship will be sponsored by Britannic Assurance. If their first venture into the sponsorship of sport proves as successful as that of the Cornhill Assurance company, who helped to promote Test cricket in this country, they will not regret it.

"You may well imagine what a pleasure it is for us to welcome Britannic Assurance into the field," said C. H. Palmer, Chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, when announcing the new deal, which will last, initially, for three years and is worth a total of £750,000. It must have been a relief too.

Because the championship receives relatively little television coverage it is not as instantly attractive as some of the one-day competitions. On the other hand, as Mr Palmer said, "it is the breeding ground for Test cricketers." From the last week in April until the second week in September it also gets extensive television coverage.

Mr Palmer implied that the championship format will be the same in 1985 as it was this year and as it will be in 1984 - 24 matches that is, of three days each. If and when a change is made it could be to 16 matches of five days each, or to an entirely new set-up with the championships being divided into two sections of nine counties each,

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Caribbean tornado hits India

Calcutta (Reuters) - India collapsed to

FOOTBALL



Supporting roles: (from left) Souness, Lee, Neal and Dalglish in move against the FA

Liverpool and Newcastle put weight behind PFA demands

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Sammy Lee, of Liverpool and Kevin Keegan, of Newcastle United, have become the unwelcome centrepieces in the deepening dispute between the Football Association and the Professional Footballers' Association...

PFA were then granted 15 per cent of the television money by the FA and 10 per cent by the Football League. Four years ago the sums were changed to £100,000 and "a fixed sum" respectively.

support of technicians and others on the radio and television safeguards committee but we don't expect anybody else to fight our battles.

long standing standing agreement. "The FA have ridden roughshod over Northern Ireland and Wales by cancelling the British championship and they are threatening to do the same to us."

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A worm's eye view of Cup opponents

Ron Atkinson has been offered the chance to assess Manchester United's FA Cup third round opponents from the Windsor and the West.

There are no problems at all with the pitch, in fact, we should have played on Saturday", Chapple said. "The referee was supposed to inspect the pitch at 5am on the day of the match with officials of both clubs. Instead he inspected it at 8am and called the game off because one of the lines was 3/4 inch out of line."

Sunday's stars lost a little of their lustre when Robinson and Lacey Soutter were dismissed from the British national championships sponsored by Just Juice.

The rapacious city that denies pleasure to millions in Europe

The greed of the Olympic host city of Los Angeles and the private, commercially-orientated organizing committee, means that the average person in Europe cannot afford to attend the 1984 Games at which a closing ceremony ticket alone can cost £130.

The daily prices for track and field afternoon meetings are £40, so that the traditional supporter of the Games, from clubs, schools, youth organizations, and the freelance devotees, are effectively priced out of the market.

There is, traditionally, a six per cent levy for municipal council tax, even though the city is alleged not to be financially involved in the Games: a factor which is being queried by members of the IOC.

Angels will benefit, indirectly, by £2,200m. The International Olympic Committee have indeed allowed themselves to become hostage to an untold fortune.

This is not the fault of American Sports Travel, the exclusive ticket agency for the British Olympic Association, whose behalf David Dryer says: "We shall be selling primarily in the 'incentive market', business and commercial organizations offering rewards and prizes to their staff and clients."

hotels are jumping their prices from £30 to £140, car rentals are rising 25 per cent, and to give a party, you will need a second marriage in your house. Private homes for parties are rentable for £3,300 a day.

Should you suppose that we, the press, will be enjoying a free trip to the world's greatest sporting event, think again. The better hotel rooms will be booked by the 27th of August and had to pay in advance in Newport, Rhode Island, during the America's Cup last summer.

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Earl's Mead refreshes parts that many others cannot reach

I don't think even the whirlygods who control the destinies of clubs in this, the best of all football competitions, can conjure me another non-league side this FA Cup this season, unless they can help Winsor and Eton to beat Manchester United.

Perhaps Harrow were overly courteous: "We certainly treated them with two much respect at first," said their manager, Mike Tomkys. Goals from Aldridge and the wing-headed Chamberlain put Newport two up and Harrow looked dead and gone. I don't know if Tomkys sang the Hallelujah Chorus to the lads at half-time, but something inspired them. They roared back. Pearce scored one, a second was on the cards, and it was a bad time to be a Welsh fisherman.

Then Aldridge, the spoil spon, broke clear and finished emphatically, and that was that. Time for a shower and a listen to the drill. Newport visit Plymouth Argyle; and their dreams of a glamorous Saturday afternoon must remain in the freezer. "No disrespect to Plymouth," said Addison. "They'd sooner play Manchester United as well."

Yesterday's results

FOOTBALL Third Division: Port Vale v Southend - postponed. FA Cup: Southend v Arsenal - postponed. Football Combination: Charlton v Fulham - postponed.

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The British Olympic Yachting Appeal (BOYA) has been given a much-needed boost by the announcement that ICI Fibres is to sponsor the British Olympic yachting team. The sponsorship will amount to £50,000 of which £20,000 is a cash contribution. Ron Howard, chairman of BOYA, emphasized that although the appeal has been well supported, a further £25,000 was required to reach the budget estimated for 1984.

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Young's formal wear for men

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Christie emerges from the shadows to make his mark in the New Year

Britain has 'world champion' living in the Kronk world

World titles at welterweight, light-middle and middle may be harder to come by now that Sugar Ray Leonard has thrown his hat in the ring, but British boxing could get a lift in the new year when Errol Christie comes out of the shadows of the established British middleweights to challenge Mark Kaylor, the British champion, in April. "I cannot see the board putting anyone before Errol", Christie's manager, Burt McCarthy says. That contest will tell us whether Christie is as exciting a world prospect as everyone believes him to be.

Upstairs at the Thomas A Becket, down the Old Kent Road, the regulars will tell you in between sipping in skeins of cigarette smoke and jabbing out stubs on tin tops that Christie is the best thing since Woodbines. They have watched the Becket alumni come and go and the greatest compliment they pay a British boxer is to call him a "throwback" to the good old days.

They say that Christie is every bit as good as another boxer who came from the Coventry area, Randy Turpin, but he is even more than a throwback. A bit like Floyd Patterson perhaps, not peck-a-boo, but moves like him.

Emanuel Steward, the director of Christie's other home, the Kronk, the fighting machine factory in Detroit, says "Christie is the best natural talent I have ever seen. When you British kept saying a few good words for him, I believe you, but when he came to Detroit I put him in with Mike McCallum and I could see how good he really was.

"I don't give praise easily but I believe he will be the world middleweight champion in 24 months. I always look forward to his visits. Thomas Hearn and Milton McCrory think he is great." Christie is at the moment in Detroit helping Hearn and McCrory prepare for their world title defenses.

Though Christie is British based, McCarthy says that his boxer will be spending every six weeks between bouts in the subterranean complex of the Kronk learning the tricks of the trade in a hard school. They don't pull punches in sparring over there "McCarthy says. In return Steward will promote the young Miklander in the United States. Christie could well find himself playing an important role in Kronk affairs as Leonard starts reclaiming his titles, starting with McCrory.



Mean and magnificent: Christie pounds out a warning at the Becket Photograph: Chris Cole

There is no doubt that Christie, who holds a record 11 titles, is better than anybody in Britain in class and ability. There only remains the old question about his chin. He has won all but one of his nine professional bouts inside the distance and if any more chin testing remains to be done McCallum and Dave Braxton will do it for him in Detroit.

The title he values most is the European junior he won in Schwerin, East Germany, because that was where he took it on the jaw from a Russian and came fighting back. The Russian was the best light-middleweight prospect in 10 years, and had scored 74 knockouts in 104 bouts. He straightaway caught Christie with a left hook and followed up with the right. McCarthy says "I thought it was all over" but Errol came right back.

Christie went on to win the title and the award for the best boxer of the championships.

"Never mind, at least we will get a medal." The 19-year-old turned on him "I haven't come here to lose," he said, and went body-popping down to the ring.

Srikumar Sen
Las Vegas (Reuter) - Juan Laporte, the Boxing Council featherweight champion, will defend his title against Wilfredo Gomez, the No 1 contender, in January or February. Murtas Muhammad, the promoter, said,

World Cup breakthrough for Julen after five second places

Les Diablers, Switzerland (Agencies) - Max Julen, of Switzerland, recorded his first ever World-Cup victory when he won the opening men's giant slalom of the Alpine season here today.

Julen, who won the first leg but slipped to third in the second, was in superb form as he recorded a combined time of 3:19.35 over a half second faster than his colleague, Pirmin Zurbriggen, who won the second leg.

Jurij Frokko, of Yugoslavia, was third with a time of 3:19.35 and Hans Enn of Austria, victor in the Alpine season here today, was fourth.

Weather conditions were good as the 89 competitors took to the slopes yesterday morning so face 62 ski gates. Snow had fallen on Saturday, and a cold night hardened the course into a fast run.

Julen was obviously delighted to compare his win to a personal "number two" after previously coming second in five World Cup giant slalom races. "I was very happy to win the giant slalom, I skied well in the first leg, but a little nervous the second. I had to concentrate," he said after the race.

Today's race showed the growing supremacy of the Swiss team in the giant slalom. Julen and Zurbriggen had both won giants in Bormio, Italy, which were not World Cup events.

However the American twins, Phil and Steve Mahre, were disappointing. Steve came in twelfth and Phil twenty-third. Phil Mahre said he did not ski well in Courmayeur, Italy, today, he would not compete in the following slalom.

Before today's race, he said that not competing last year had not affected his chances of winning the overall victory. The double Olympic champion, Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, was also a disappointment, coming seventh after starting the day in pole position.

Today's race did not affect the top three in the overall World Cup standings, in which Franz Heinzer, of Switzerland, remains ahead of Zurbriggen and Liechtenstein's Andreas Wenzel. Wenzel, who skied eleven times today, with a time of 3:20.78.

On home slopes, the Swiss always start favourites, and now have six skiers in the top 15 in the men's points table.

Their other successes so far this season have been largely achieved by their formidable women's team, with Erika Hess winning two slaloms, Maria Walliser winning a downhill and Franz Heinzer chipping in for the men with victory in the downhill and combined in Val d'Isere, France, at the weekend.

LEADING PLACINGS: 1, Mr. Max Julen, 3:19.35; 2, P. Zurbriggen (Switz), 3:19.77; 3, Jurij Frokko (Yugoslavia), 3:19.84; 4, H. Enn (Austria), 3:20.00; 5, S. Mahre (Switz), 3:20.10; 6, P. Mahre (Switz), 3:20.78; 7, A. Wenzel (Switz), 3:21.14; 8, K. Wenzel (Switz), 3:21.44; 9, G. Koller (Austria), 3:21.55; 10, F. Heinzer (Switz), 3:21.55; 11, I. Stenmark (Swed), 3:21.55; 12, G. Luder (Switz), 3:21.55; 13, G. Luder (Switz), 3:21.55; 14, G. Luder (Switz), 3:21.55; 15, G. Luder (Switz), 3:21.55.

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Becker responds to the Manchester challenge

Tom Becker, the American coach, was led Sunday to two National Championship triumphs before his departure for a greater challenge with lowly Manchester Giants does, at last, seem to be getting his latest act together. With their two skis well in the hands of the National League, sponsored by Wimpey Homes, Manchester have won their last four games, and have every chance of avoiding the relegation which seemed so inevitable after they had lost their first seven matches.

Becker, who was recently overlooked for the job of Great Britain's Olympic coach, certainly found comfort with his new club, whose personnel he has obviously changed for the better since his arrival in the summer. In the places of Swanley, who has returned to the United States, and the little Scot, Reid, who has joined the second division club, Calderdale Explorers, Becker has acquired a new American, Craig Robinson, and a dual national, John Moore.

Becker's new recruits are fulfilling all Becker's wildest expectations, as is Brookings, who was with him at Sunderland. The talented American scored 62 points over the weekend, and is being managed by 96-84, who over Kingcraft, Kingston and an 89-83 success at John Carr Doncaster. With Doocaster also billing by 107-90 at Davenport Birmingham the previous evening, Brookings is obviously more than he could stand. Calderdale was also unusually subdued with his shooting, being outscored not only by his own colleague, Balogun (30), but McCreary (26), Lloyd (20) and Kellerman (17), of Palace.

Jenkins, scorer of 36 points for Brighton Bears in their 104-103 win in overtime at struggling Ovalvine Hemel Hempstead collected another 29 points following a superb performance. Brightons were thrashed 98-61 at home by the leaders, Sperrings Solent. FSC Cars Warrington has set Solent far more problems the previous evening. The visitors, who were through Mullings used 33 points, led 70-69 with 39 seconds left, only to give the ball away once and commit three fouls which led to them losing 73-70. The inimitable Saliers (22) was for once Solent's best marksman.

Blue Nuo Crystal Palace, who overcame Brockwell Pirates 96-84, are second with two points less after playing two games more. Bracknell had Calladriolo (16) disqualified for dissent in the last minute, who his frustration, after a refereeing decision was obviously more than he could stand. Calladriolo was also unusually subdued with his shooting, being outscored not only by his own colleague, Balogun (30), but McCreary (26), Lloyd (20) and Kellerman (17), of Palace.

Plumpton programme

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John Henry's \$4m record

John Henry, an eight-year-old gelding, became the world's leading thoroughbred money-winner with a victory in the \$500,000 Hollywood Turf Cup in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Ridden by Chris McCarron, John Henry narrowly beat the favourite French filly Zalatina, ridden by Freddie Yelcok, to take his career earnings to \$4,621,297.

It was John Henry's 33rd victory in 73 outings. Trained by Ross McNeil, he was bought as a three-year-old by the New York businessman Sam Rabin for just \$25,000.

The Cop win was revenge for John Henry, as Zalatina had beaten him by half a length in the Oak Tree International, last month.

TODAY'S ADVANCE GOING: O'Brien's Advance, 1000m, 1:10.50; 2000m, 2:25.00; 3000m, 4:00.00; 4000m, 5:40.00; 5000m, 7:30.00; 6000m, 9:20.00; 7000m, 11:10.00; 8000m, 13:00.00; 9000m, 14:50.00; 10000m, 16:40.00; 11000m, 18:30.00; 12000m, 20:20.00; 13000m, 22:10.00; 14000m, 24:00.00; 15000m, 25:50.00; 16000m, 27:40.00; 17000m, 29:30.00; 18000m, 31:20.00; 19000m, 33:10.00; 20000m, 35:00.00.

Coach drinks to Ayr Bruins' success

Paul Bedford won four dozen caps of larger last week, the prize for being voted the coach of the month for November. His team, the Ayr Bruins, had led the league for one day on November 20 after winning only three games out of 25 last season.

Obviously the award has not gone to his head. Ayr are now back at the top of the British League premier division, sponsored by Heineken, after winning 5-2 at Kirkcaldy and 6-1 at home to Streatham at the weekend.

"It is really quite a different team", John Rost, the Streatham coach observed, "and the outside it looks as though their leadership this year is much better and their discipline has improved." Last season they played coach. Dan Hurubise, was often required to lead the team from the confines of the penalty box.

Bedford arrived this season with two other Canadians, Derek Watt, a defenceman and Kevin Murphy, a

All is not well at Speedwell

Capital City Spikers, with only one defeat this season, went to the top of the English men's first division by virtue of two victories at the weekend. Behind them, are clustered four other teams with a chance of the title: Liverpool, Polonia, Spark and Speedwell Rucanor.

As the league goes into its mid-winter break, the dominance of the title has not been so open for many seasons. The main reason is the calamitous loss of form of the defending champions, Speedwell Rucanor, who lost again at the weekend, 3-2 to Liverpool. Speedwell went down 16-14, 13-13, 7-15, 6-15 on Saturday, their third consecutive defeat after a run of 79 unbeaten league matches.

They struggled to a 3-2 victory over relegation candidates Brookfield on Sunday, but Steve Spooner, the Speedwell coach, said: "The way we are playing at the moment I think anyone can beat us. We are going through a bad patch and have

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5.35 News summary with subtitles
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- Radio 4
6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today
6.20 Shipping Forecast...

- Radio 3
6.55 Weather
7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert (I)...

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- Radio 1
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Brothers jailed for selling glue-sniff kits

Two brothers who sold glue-sniffing kits to children were each jailed for three years yesterday in a case that made Scottish legal history.

Ridley calls for review before BA goes private

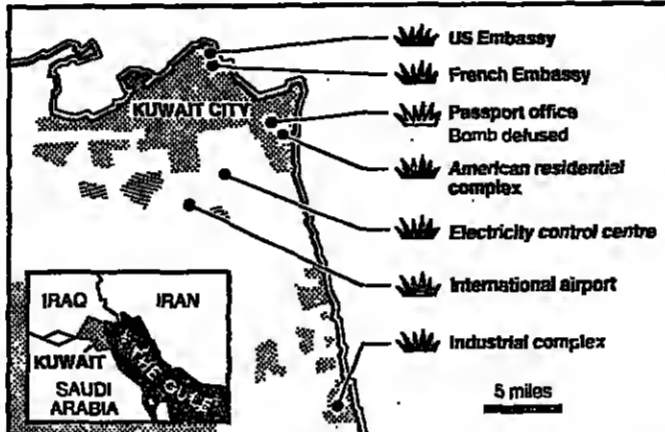
An urgent review of civil aviation policy has been ordered by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, before the privatization of British Airways in about a year.



Bombing aftermath: A vehicle lies destroyed in Kuwait's Salwi district after yesterday's bombings.

Bombings in Kuwait blamed on Iran

Continued from page 1 Muslim monarchies and their oil wealth. In an angry statement last night, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Prime Minister, said that he would "purify the country of all suspects who exploited its hospitality."



provided the excuse for the bomb at the French Embassy in Kuwait. Among its Arab adversaries, Kuwait would probably include Syria.

tionist at the embassy described how the ceiling crashed down on the heads of people on the ground floor. "We heard screams outside," he said, "and people were asking for help."

Frank Johnson in the Commons Civilization versus the Dark suburbs

Mr William Waldegrave, the under secretary at the Department of the Environment, arrived yesterday, as is his tendency every few weeks, to answer questions as the Minister in the Commons responsible for the arts.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, will present the MacRobert Award at Buckingham Palace, Aprn, and as President of the Royal Society of Arts presents the Presidential Awards for Design Management at the Design Management Symposium 6pm and subsequently presents the Albert Medal at a dinner at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, WC2.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,308

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

ACROSS 1 Meeting, not improperly, in bed (10). 6 Begotter of sonsnet, one grand old politician (4).

TV top ten

- 1 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada, 15.25m 2 The 100 Yrs. Thames, 15.15m 3 Coronation Street (Mon), Granada, 14.30m

Roads

London and South-east: M20: Contrail on both carriageways from A20 (junction 5/Maidstone West) to 1/2 mile east of A249 (junction 7 - Sheerness/Sittingbourne) avoid if possible A41: Temporary signals 2 hours on Watford Road, Kings Langley, A40: Long delays through reconstruction in Western Avenue between Horsenden Lane and Midway Parkway.

Weather

A trough of low pressure will cross north-western areas during the day with a south-westerly airstream over all areas. 6am to midnight: E, central N England, W Midlands: Dry at first with sunny intervals, rain later; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 8 to 10 (4 to 6).

High tides

Table with columns for location, AM, HT, PM, and FT. Locations include London Bridge, Dover, Southampton, etc.

Around Britain

Table with columns for location, Sun, Rain, etc. Locations include Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, etc.

S. Atlantic calls

British servicemen in the Falklands will be able to call their families direct this Christmas at a special rate of 75 pence a minute. This will apply from December 20 until January 10 (inclusive).

The pound

Table with columns for Bank, Buy, Sell, and various international rates.

The papers

The Washington Post admits that it was caught by surprise by the lack of sophistication shown by the European leaders in Athens. "It's highly unusual for experienced politicians in all Heads of Governments, to let a formal international conference fail as explicitly as this one did."

Lighting-up time

London 4.22 pm to 7.28 pm Bristol 4.31 pm to 7.38 pm Birmingham 4.38 pm to 7.45 pm Manchester 4.19 pm to 7.47 am

Abroad

Table with columns for location, C, F, and weather conditions.

Anniversaries

Heinrich Heine, poet was born at Dusseldorf, 1797. Deaths: Moses Maimonides, philosopher and physician, Egypt, 1204. Donatello, sculptor, Florence, 1466. Samuel Johnson, London, 1784. Abel Tasman discovered New Zealand, 1642.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): London Regional Transport, second reading. Lords (2.30): Agricultural Holdings Bill, committee, third day.

